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Frozen Radiator Is Blamed For Fatal Car-Truck Crash

HOLDUP MAN GETS $50 FROM RESTAURANT

Robs Bechtel's After Earlier Attempt Foiled At Jefferson Cafe

A young, fast-moving thug late last night attempted one holdup on North Charlotte street and then completed another on East High street only minutes apart.

After a frightened exit from the Jefferson cafe, Charlotte street and Jefferson avenue, the bandit masked his face and robbed the Bechtel Ice Cream plant's restaurant, High street and Moser road, of about $50.

The roving thief's car was described as being "old and probably a coupe." Beyond that and a description of the man, given identically at both establishments, police had nothing to go on.

The thug's first stop at the taproom was frustrated by a bartender who refused to be intimidated.

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WILLIAM VOLTZ, the bartender, said he was alone behind the bar in the front room at 11 o'clock when the slight, dark, pimply-faced holdup man described as about five feet seven inches tall, entered through the front door.

The stranger walked up to Voltz at the open end of the bar and shoved an automatic revolver of about .38 caliber into his ribs and told him to open the cash register, Voltz said.

"'Open it yourself," declared Voltz. Conversation among patrons in the back room then rose and, becoming frightened, the thief headed for the door.

Voltz gave him a shove to help him and then called the owner of the bar, Lloyd Gross, who telephoned police at 11:03 o'clock. The bandit ran down the street, patrons said.

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WEARING THE SAME dungaree jacket and trousers, but this time with a white handkerchief covering his face below the bridge of the nose, the holdup man made his appearance at Bechtel's minutes later.

Mrs. Betty Bianchini, who, with her husband, Anthony, is manager of the plant restaurant, was alone in the restaurant cleaning a milk shake machine behind the milk bar when the robber entered.

He looked at her for a moment with eyes Mrs. Bianchini described as "wicked," and then brandishing a gun, said "stick 'em up."

Pointing to the cash register, Mrs. Bianchini said, "There it is."

"Hand it to me," returned the bandit. Mrs. Bianchini opened the register and handed him the bills, amounting to about $50.

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TOO NERVOUS TO WAIT for the change, the thief dashed for the door and left in his car. Mrs. Bianchini said the motor sounded old and from the retreating rear she saw, it seemed to be an old coupe. She didn't see what direction he took.

Mrs. Bianchini called J. Franklin Bechtel, the owner, who called the police at 11:11 o'clock.

Police Sgt. Daniel Linton investigated the attempt at the taproom and Motor Patrolmen Thomas Lawler and Harold E. Hahn began work on the Bechtel's holdup.

The description of the youth was teletyped to State police.

Five Draftees Called For Induction Today

Five men are scheduled to board the 9:33 o'clock train this morning for Reading, where they will be inducted into the U. S. Army and sent to training camps.

This group was slated for induction the past Dec. 15 but a delay was granted to allow the men to spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Scheduled to leave this morning, R. Ross Longaker, clerk of Draft Board 110, said, are Walter S. Moser, Niantic; Frank A. Ferenz, Stowe; Ralph L. Feather, Pottstown RD 3, and John W. H. Dospoi and John R. Sell, both of Pottstown.

Ferenz, who lives at 305 Elm street, Stowe, gave permission to publish his street address.

Sell's family said he was on active duty with the U. S. Merchant Marine, away from home since the past October, and that the draft board had been notified.

Longaker also announced yesterday that 30 more local men will go to Reading for physical and mental examinations Jan. 5.

THE WEATHER

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and not quite so cold today and tonight. Rather cloudy and mild tomorrow.

31 Mercury 2
High Antics Low

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

Local temperatures yesterday and early this morning were:

4 a. m.	3	4 p. m.	30
5 a. m.	2	5 p. m.	29
6 a. m.	2	6 p. m.	28
7 a. m.	3	7 p. m.	28
8 a. m.	6	8 p. m.	27
9 a. m.	11	9 p. m.	25
10 a. m.	17	10 p. m.	21
11 a. m.	23	11 p. m.	21
12 m.	27	12 p. m.	18
1 p. m.	29	1 a. m.	18
2 p. m.	30	2 a. m.	17
3 p. m.	31	3 a. m.	17

Winter May Be a Pain for Some, But for the Kids—

—Mercury Staff Photos

The Alps or Sun Valley didn't have anything on Pottstown's hills yesterday. Bending energy and ankles to hockey on Ringing Rocks lake are (left to right), Jimmy Koren, Bliem road, and Donald, George and Jimmy Spohn, who live at the park. Below, removing paint from Christmas skiis, are Don Miller, 5, (left), and brother Billy, 9, of Pottstown RD 3.

2-DEGREE LOW ENDS COLD SNAP

Second Coldest Day of '48 Stalls Autos, Keeps Local Service Stations on Jump

Before it relaxed yesterday afternoon, the two-day cold wave shot the mercury down to 2 degrees above zero early yesterday morning—second coldest day of the year and chilliest this Winter.

It missed both the year's record and record for the day by 2 degrees. The year's mark was set at zero on Jan. 31.

The deep freeze threw hundreds of autos out of action and sent vacationing youngsters flying to ponds and lakes for skating.

The cold will diminish today under fair skies, the weatherman predicted. Tomorrow will be cloudy and warmer.

Local service stations reported a land office trade in cars with frozen radiators and dead batteries unable to turn over stiff motors. Sales in anti-freeze zoomed.

The main trouble seemed to be radiator water with not enough anti-freeze. Some batteries with not enough water froze, too.

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THE AVERAGE SERVICE station handled about half a dozen cold cars, but John D. Gauger, owner of a West High street service station, said he took care of more than 50.

Eighty percent of the cases were stalled by frozen radiators, he said.

The cold snap died in the morning sun. The mercury rocketed 28 degrees in six hours after 7:30 o'clock and reached 31 at 3 o'clock. There was some melting.

In the packed spots, it was still okay for sledding and skiing and

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Faye Roosevelt Slashes Wrist, Sheriff Reports

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 27 (AP)—Sheriff C. Fred Close said today he had been informed that Faye Emerson Roosevelt, actress wife of Elliott Roosevelt, slashed her wrist with a razor early yesterday.

Faye Roosevelt

Close said "it is my impression that the cutting was deliberate." Roosevelt, however, reached by telephone, said it was "purely an accident. There was nothing to it."

The sheriff said he was asking Roosevelt to appear at the district attorney's office to discuss the incident. Joseph McCabe, Roosevelt's lawyer, said the late president's son would appear there at 10 a. m. Wednesday, Close added.

Mrs. Roosevelt's injury was not serious and she was released from a hospital this afternoon after spending the night there.

Close said his information about

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Boy Sledder Is Injured On 'Barricaded' Street

Geoffrey Glenney, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Glenney, 220 North Evans street, suffered a cut scalp at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon when he accidentally ran his sled into a car parked on Lincoln avenue between Washington and Franklin streets.

W. Earl Potteiger, borough highway superintendent, said the Lincoln avenue stretch was one of those barricaded at both ends for sledding after the past week's storm.

Neighbors declared that the barricades last were up the past Friday, although the street still is largely ice-covered.

The barricades since Friday have been in a nearby alley, they said, and the children are expected to put them in place themselves when they wish to sled.

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POTTEIGER previously had complained that barricades placed by the highway deparument later were dislodged or removed completely with the result that motorists drove into the streets, ignorant of the fact that the streets had been set aside.

The youngster's injury was sutured at Pottstown hospital by Dr. Rosalie Ging. He was released after being treated in the dispensary.

Geoffrey was taken to the hospital by Albert J. Heinecke, Reading, into whose parked car the boy skidded on his sled. He struck his head on the exhaust pipe.

Young Glenney was assisted after the mishap by Richard Bart-

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Truck Loses Wheel, Upsets; Driver Unhurt

Forrest L. Mock, 34, Juniper street near Master street, crawled unscathed from the cab of a five-ton, stake body truck, after it turned on its right side at 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, on Mervine street, near the St. Aloysius Catholic church new cemetery.

Mock, who was alone in the vehicle, said the steering had been hard, but that he thought cold weather was the cause. The truck, owned by the L. R. Levengood feed mills, Third and Hanover streets, was lubricated yesterday morning, he said.

When the kingpin of the right front wheel broke, Mock added, the wheel dropped off and the truck swerved up an embankment, striking a tree and turning on its right side.

"I don't know how I got out so quick," he said, "but I did. I checked right away to see if any gas or anti-freeze had leaked out, but it hadn't."

He cut the motor before the crash, he said.

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OF THE TON or more of feed in the rear of the vehicle, only one 100-pound bag broke, and only a few handfuls of feed spilled on the roadway.

In addition, the only damage to the two-year-old truck was to the right fender, running board and bumper.

Mock was driving east on Mervine street when the accident occurred.

Sumner Welles Improves After Collapse in Field

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Sumner Wells showed continued improvement tonight under treatment for exposure suffered when he collapsed in a frozen field a mile from his home Saturday night and lay for hours in sub-freezing cold. He was conscious but still on the "serious concition" list at a hospital.

There still was no full diagnosis beyond the exposure report but his family physician called in a heart and circulation specialist for consultation. Investigators had surmised that the 56-year-old former diplomat might have suffered a heart attack during an after-midnight walk.

Council Is Urged to Protect Coasters on Borough Streets

Allen K. Davidheiser, Eighth ward, last night called for a regular system of barricading streets for young coasters before a meeting of borough council.

Davidheiser spoke of the problem at the end of the half-hour "clean-up" session, at which the representatives paid the year-end bills and attended mostly to a miscellany of borough odds and ends.

"Providing places for youngsters to sled safely is just as important to the borough as getting the snow removed from streets," Davidheiser asserted.

He recommended that one borough truck be set aside after a snowfall to take barricades to selected streets and place them properly.

"This town is big enough to look after the kids," he continued, "especially when they're on a holiday. There should be a place for them to sled in safety. Whoever is in charge, I'd like to see something done about it."

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COUNCIL APPROVED a three-year lease on the rear of 348 High street, the old water department office, purchased recently by Dr. Joseph E. Tagert, 333 High street, for $20,250.

For $100 yearly, the borough will use the rear of the building to store water department equipment.

Re-appointments approved without discussion were—Jay H. Rinehart, Board of Adjustment, until Jan. 1, 1952, and Dr. Ralph H. Merkel, Health board, to Dec. 31, 1953.

Second reading was given an ordinance vacating Mulberry street, between Washington and Warren streets. This was a technical step, since the street is on the borough map, but has not been developed.

Plumbers' bonds for $1000 were approved for A. Jackson Ecker, Stephen J. Stranick, William H. Boalton, Nicholas A. Palladino, E. C. Sturges, Linford Dewees, Hafer and Mutter, Warren F. Smith and William E. Scully.

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A LETTER FROM the Montgomery County Chapter for Infantile Paralysis thanked council for its action at the Dec. 13 meeting, allowing dimes to be dropped into parking meters during the March of Dimes drive, Jan. 14-31.

IN HIS REPORT to council, Borough Manager Dow I. Sears told of the final grading and base course-laying work on roads before the Winter slack period.

He also told council that borough workers began removing trees felled on the Robinson Clay Products company grounds, at the site of the Pottstown Municipal Airport.

These trees were cut by the Pilot club the past Summer for the group's air show. Trunks of the approximately 40 trees will go to the clay products company, while the borough will keep whatever other wood it wishes, burning the remainder.

Burgess William A. Griffith suggested council meet before the Jan. 10 session to consider the ordinance changing the zoning ordinance of August, 1945.

First reading of this new ordinance was approved the past November, but it then was held pending further study by councilmen.

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C. ROY BUSH, council president,

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Band to March In Funeral Parade

A 40-piece band will march this afternoon in the funeral parade for Richard A. Wilson, of 229 Berks street, a hero of the first World War and a former sergeant-at-arms of George A. Amole Post 47, American Legion.

The band will be that of the Valley Forge General hospital, Phoenixville.

This announcement was made last night by Earl F. Newton, past commander of the post, who also said that more than 100 Legionnaires will be in the line of march.

The parade will begin from a funeral home at 112 North Washington street at about 2:30 o'clock, march down Washington street to High street, then to Hanover street, where the marchers will wheel north and continue to the Pottstown East End cemetery.

Mr. Wilson died the past Thursday as the result of having caught pneumonia during one of the many funerals for World War II veterans in which he participated.

'Certain' Soviet Leaders Want Peace, Truman Says

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27 (AP) — President Truman disclosed for the first time today that "certain leaders" in Russia are "exceedingly anxious" to reach an agreement with the United States to end the "cold war."

Speaking "off the cuff" at a luncheon here, the chief executive accused the Soviets of violating "sacred" agreements and said that the Soviet government "has a system of morals that are not moral."

He added that the Soviet government has not kept important agreements made at Yalta and Potsdam.

Meat Prices Dip Sharply Since Mid-September

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (AP)—The general wholesale price of all meat in the United States has declined about 19 percent since the mid-September peak, the American meat institute reported today.

The institute said the declines were registered up to week ending Dec. 25.

Car in Which Man Rode to Death

—Mercury Staff Photo

The right side of this car, being inspected by Herbert Latch, Douglassville RD 1, was ripped apart yesterday when it crashed into the tailgate of a truck driven by Jerry S. Stonehouse, Douglassville, on Route 422 in Stowe. The car was driven by Henry J. Moyer, Reading. A passenger in the car, Robert Matz, 50, of Reading, was fatally injured in the crash.

Christiana H. Longacre, School Principal, Dies

Miss Christiana H. Longacre, 51, a Pottstown public school teacher for 33 years and the principal of the Lincoln elementary school since its erection ten years ago, died yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Death followed an illness of three months and came at her lifelong home, 375 North Charlotte street.

Because of her illness, Miss Longacre had been on sabbatical leave for the 1948-49 school term — the first real leave she had taken from a teaching career that began when she was 18 years old.

She wanted especially to return the past Fall to the Lincoln school at Eighth and York streets for two reasons, her family asserted.

In the first place, the entire building had been repainted, and her room on the first floor by the Eighth street side had been redone in strict accordance with her tastes.

Secondly, as principal of the school she knew the youngsters whom she would have taught in the Third grade this term, and she had told her family she believed this class would be one of the finest she had taught.

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MISS LONGACRE died without having seen her brightly-finished room and without welcoming this favorite group to her class.

Her teaching career began shortly after she was graduated with highest honors from Pottstown High school.

Because of the record she made in her school days, she was encouraged to make teaching a career by the late W. W. Rupert, then superintendent of schools and the man for whom the present Rupert school was named.

At that time, elementary school teachers could begin their career upon graduation from high school, but were required to be a "practice" teacher for at least six months be-

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Resolution-Minded Folks Vow They'll Be Tip-Minded, Too

Get your New Year's resolutions made yet?

Don't forget, New Year's Day is approaching rapidly.

Alert Mercury readers who are right on the ball have begun their lists already. And, their first two resolutions look like this:

RESOLVED:

1. To get The Mercury news tip habit.

2. To remember the number —2263—of The Mercury so I can win cash, cash, cash.

Three more Mercury readers this week are going to begin their list in that fashion.

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GEORGE P. RUYAK, 342 Cherry street, is $5 richer today by virtue of winning top prize in The Mercury's contest last week. Ruyak was first to call on the accident which resulted in the death of Robert Matz, Reading, yesterday.

Coming close behind to walk off with the $3 second prize was Mrs. W. S. Moyer, 149 Beech street. Mrs. Moyer called The Mercury to report

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READING MAN, ON WAY TO WORK HERE, IS VICTIM

Steam Hampers Vision Of Driver as Vehicles Collide on Pike at Stowe

A fractured skull and an injury to the brain resulted in the death of Robert Matz, 50, Reading, in Pottstown hospital yesterday morning two hours after the car in which he was riding crashed into the rear of a truck on Route 422 in Stowe.

Billowing clouds of steam from a frozen radiator which obscured the tail-light of the truck were cited as the cause of the accident, State police of the Collegeville sub-station reported.

Matz, a Firestone employe, was on his way to work in a car driven by Henry J. Moyer, also of Reading. In Stowe, they drew up behind a truck driven by Jerry S. Stonehouse, Douglassville, which also was traveling eastward on Route 422.

Frozen from the cold, the radiator of Stonehouse's truck began to boil and steam and he slowed to make a right hand turn into a service station. As he did so, his truck was struck from behind by Moyer's car.

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MOYER TOLD State Troopers Carl F. Ziegler and H. L. Asper the clouds of steam from Stonehouse's radiator obscured the tail-light of the truck. Although he swerved to the left when he finally noticed it, he failed to clear the tailgate of the truck. The sharp edge ripped out the complete right side of his car.

A Good Will ambulance driven by Rollin H. Klink rushed both Matz and Moyer to the hospital where they were treated by Dr. Joseph Zukowski. Moyer received a deep cut on his forehead which required three stitches to close.

Later in the morning, following Matz' death, Moyer and Stonehouse each posted $2500 bail with Justice of the Peace Richard H. Cadmus, of the Seventh ward, following a hearing on charges of involuntary manslaughter.

Matz, a former employe of the Jacobs Aircraft company, was employed by the Firestone company when it took over the Pottstown plant.

He is survived by his wife, Violet (Hartman) Matz, a son, Robert, a daughter, Mrs. Dolores Romanski, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Boyer, Reigelsville, and Mrs. Mary Spangler, Reading.

The accident occurred at 6:20 o'clock and Matz died of his injuries at 8:20 o'clock.

Seal Sale Expected To Top 1947 Mark As Returns Roll In

Pottstown's Christmas Tuberculosis Sea sale is expected to top the 1947 mark of $3411.07, as the total the day before Christmas reached $2215.33.

William M. Hester, local chairman, asked yesterday that remittances for seals be sent in as soon as possible.

"We feel sure that the 1948 sales will be the greatest of all the campaigns," he declared.

The chairman called for the cooperation of all seal purchasers in sending in their remittances promptly to wind up the drive.

Locally, the goal was to surpass the 1947 figure. The proceeds from the seal sale will be divided between the Montgomery County Public Health society and the Pottstown Visiting Nurse organization and Family Welfare society, for aid to tuberculars and their families.

In addition to the $3215.33 collected so far, which is $453.65 above the total on Dec. 24, 1947, receipts still are to be counted from the sale of bangles in local schools.

Proceeds from containers placed in stores totaled $94.94.

CHRISTMAS NO POSTMAN'S HOLIDAY

Record Yule Mail Cleared Here

Foot-weary and dazed from counting, sorting and delivering tons of mail, Pottstown post office employes yesterday looked back on the most hectic Christmas rush on record.

Maurice E. Sassaman, postmaster, totaled up 752,596 pieces of outgoing letters, 100,000 more than in 1947. Incoming mail was not counted, he said, but he believed that it, too, set an all-time record, as did the mounds of packages that bulged the walls of the post office this holiday season.

"They were still delivering Christmas cards today," Sassaman declared last night. The rush was over, however, and the 57 extra employes were done for another year, leaving the post office to its 50 regulars.

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THE HEAVIEST day for outgoing letters was Dec. 18, when 118,120 ran through the smoking cancellation machine. This kept going the greater part of the day, stopping only for an occasional oiling.

Second busiest day was Dec. 21, with 101,300 pieces, and then Dec. 22, when 90,570 pieces of mail left town.

Normally, Sassaman said, about 20,000 letters leave town daily.

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AS HE PROMISED, the staff worked like made to get the mail out, and every last Christmas card left the post office on time.

Pottstonians even received mail on Christmas Day as extra workers rushed to deliver everything in sight in time for the great holiday.

To make sure that greetings and presents would be exchanged on schedule many employes worked 12-hour shifts the past week, from 5 a. m. until midnight.

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THE POSTMASTER said he had not yet got around to computing the millions of stamps that went over the counter during the Christmas rush.

Other post office workers figured they provided enough mucilage to seal about half the packages delivered her for Christmas and gave Pottstown tongues a bigger workout than they got in several weeks of talking.

Telephone Operators Here Handle Record Number of Christmas Calls

While Christmas is fast becoming a memory for most Pottstonians, Pottstown's telephone operators still are recuperating from the record number of calls they handled on Christmas Day.

Extra long distance operators were pressed into service to handle the 3903 out-going toll calls chalked up from midnight Christmas Eve to midnight Christmas Day, Willard L. Kline, manager of the local Bell Telephone office, said yesterday.

The 3903 calls tallied by the office represent an increase of 245 calls over the 3658 calls marked up in 1947.

A full complement of operators was needed all day as the total of local calls reached 31,025, or 5105 more than the 25,920 calls made last year, Kline added.

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ON THE LONG DISTANCE calls, Pottstonians talked to friends and relatives in 45 of the 48 states and one call was made to the U. S. Occupation forces in Germany.

Kline said there was no way of checking the number of incoming calls from overseas since they would be handled in the office as long distance calls from New York.

There were few cancellations of out-going calls, he explained, because most persons remained at home Christmas Day and waited for their calls to be processed through the busy circuits.

ON THE MAIN DRAG

FRANCIS OTT
—trimming a Christmas tree.

FERN KULP
—laughing with a friend.

COLLIER RHOADS
—searching for a key.

MRS. EMMA SANDS
—explaining things to her son.

ELLEN GUEST
—watching a game of cards.

BETH ANDERSON
—getting in the last word.

SALLIE SCHMEARER
—trying to empty her house of guests.

HARVEY THOMAS
—telling an old joke.

EUGENE STOFKO
—enjoying some home-made popcorn.

FRANCIS PLUNKETT
—being Santa's little helper.

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Chickens and Ducks. We deliver. Ned Simpson. Ph. 1839-W or 526-W.

Quick Radio Repairs. Call 3830. J. Fegely & Son, 38 High St.

O'Dell Brothers. Fine Beers and Beverages. Phone 40.

Dr. Louis Markowitz, dentist. No office hours until Jan. 3.

Four-hour Photostat Service. Arrow Camera Shop, 80 North Charlotte St.

Pottstown Business School opens Jan. 3. Phone 275-W for bulletin.

Chairs glued, repaired, refinished. Tosher, Farmington ave. Ph. 2726-J.

Phillips Grocery Store closed today. Death in family.

Casey's Holiday Hop, St. Peter's Hall, Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.

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Catholic Cardinal Jailed by Reds In Hungary on Charges of Treason

BUDAPEST, Dec. 27 (AP)—Hungary's Communist-dominated government announced the arrest today of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty on suspicion of plotting against the government, spying, treason and black market money dealings.

The announcement gave no details. The 56-year-old Roman Catholic primate was arrested once before—during the Nazi occupation of Hungary.

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CARDINAL MINDSZENTY

(Sources in Vatican City said if Mindszenty has been detained by Hungarian authorities any Catholics who had a hand in the action very likely would be excommunicated. The informants said the charges reportedly placed against the cardinal are of such a nature that he might be sent to exile in Siberia.)

A high Hungarian authority who requested that his name not be used said a detailed statement will be made in 48 hours and "will contain some surprises." He said the government had "indisputable evidence" against the cardinal.

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MINDSZENTY, an outspoken champion of the Catholic church, is considered probably the only remaining powerful enemy of the present Hungarian government. He long has been under fire on charges that he misused religious meetings to incite against Hungary's present political system.

Several weeks ago the police detained the Rev. Ondras Zakar, private secretary and close associate of the cardinal, on a charge of treason.

The cardinal has not left his residence in Esztergom for a long time. He spent the Christmas holidays there.

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BUDAPEST'S newspapers headlined the story of the cardinal's arrest but carried only the brief official statement without comment. Residents of this largely Catholic city refrained from any outward display of emotion when they read of the action.

Istvan Barankovits, leader of the opposition in parliament, said he was not surprised by the announcement. He added that speeches of top politicians, including Premier Istvan Dobi and Deputy Premier Matyas Rakosi (a Communist) showed the government was determined to get rid of the cardinal.

There have been other hints. Last month Lajos Dinnyes, who was then premier, assailed Mindszenty as a "reactionary." Dinnyes declared the Hungarian people "are determined to break reaction whether in the form of the purple of bishops or the sabotage of kulaks (rich peasants)."

INDONESIANS LAUNCH DRIVE AGAINST DUTCH

Open Guerrilla Warfare On Netherlands Troops After Losing Big Cities

BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 27 (AP)—Indonesian republican troops were said today to have launched their first major guerrilla attack against Netherlands forces which drove them from the major cities of Java.

Dutch units, meanwhile, isolated the Republicans on Java from those on Sumatra. A Netherlands communique said the Bantam area, which forms the western tip of Java, had been occupied. It added that the Republicans put up "only very slight resistance" there. Mopping up operations have begun in the whole of Java, the bulletin said.

The Chinese newspaper Keng Po reported that the Republican guerrilla attack was directed at Tjikampek, a rail junction city 45 miles east of Batavia. It gave this account of the operation:

Republican units, armed with automatic weapons and mortars, entered Tjikampek Christmas night and held the market place there for 10 hours before the Dutch drove them out.

Rail workers went on strike just before the attack. The walkout continued through yesterday. A freight train was derailed south of the town Saturday and a railway bridge was destroyed near there yesterday.

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DURING THE OCCUPATION of Bantam, the Dutch seized Laboehan, 25 miles south of Anjer Lor which fell earlier. The narrow strait of Soenda separates that portion of Java from Sumatra.

The Dutch also claimed their nine-day-old offensive was making swift progress on Sumatra. Fort Van Der Cappellen, southeast of Bukittinggi, has been taken, the communique said.

There still was no mention of any Dutch action in Southern Sumatra around the Djambi Oil fields. That is the only economically important republican area in which no Netherlands drives have been announced.

Republican army losses have been "relatively light," the Dutch said, because the Indonesians have put up practically no resistance. The Dutch expect the republicans to engage in widespread guerrilla operations.

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REFERRING TO THE Central Java battle area, the Dutch said their Marine brigade which moved southward from its landing place on the north coast had linked up at Ngawi and Ploso with army forces moving north from Madioen.

Madioen, the last major city in republican hands, fell to the Dutch Christmas Day. The communique explained that it was occupied by units which made a 55-mile advance from Soerakarta after some delay due to destroyed bridges and road blocks in the mountains.

Parents Thank Prayers as Boy Walks Unaided

SPANGLER, Dec. 27 (AP) — An eight-year-old boy walked with firm steps about his home today, scarcely able to believe he no longer needed the hands of others to help him.

"I can walk now," Antonio (Tony) Cantelope repeated over and over. "I don't need anybody's hands."

The dark-haired, brown-eyed youngster took his first unaided step the past Wednesday, his parents said.

"We believe it is a miracle," declared his mother, Mrs. Jennie Cantelope. "It is the result of our prayers and novenas to Mother Cabrini."

Tony took his first wavering steps on the day set aside by the Roman Catholic church in honor of Mother Cabrini, the nun who is the first United States citizen to be elevated to sainthood.

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"EVERY DAY I TOLD ANTONIO to ask Mother Cabrini to make him walk," his mother related. "He would tell her picture, 'I want to walk. I want to walk.'

"Then last Wednesday — I don't know what prompted me to do it—I told Tony to walk to the bed. He got up from his chair and just walked over."

Mrs. Cantelope, who also has two-year-old twin sons, said Tony suffered a brain injury at birth that prevented his walking. Doctors, she said, told her he would never walk. Two years ago the family turned to prayer.

Chinese Plan Stand At City of Nanking

NANKING, Dec. 27 (AP)—Continuing troop movements into Nanking heightened the general belief today that the Chinese government hopes to hold the Nanking-Shanghai area against the Communists indefinitely.

Far more soldiers and supplies were entering the Nanking sector than were going north to the war fronts across the Yangtze river.

This strengthened the belief of observers that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was planning his main defenses on the south bank of the Yangtze and that this capital—on the south bank—might itself become a battleground.

FIRE DESTROYS BUILDINGS

KANE, Dec. 27 (AP)—Several buildings of the Bowman Lumber company were destroyed today by a $100,000 fire set off by the explosion of a diesel engine's oil tank.

Aircraft Carrier Speeds to Rescue of 13 Men on Ice Cap

ABOARD U.S.S. SAIPAN EN ROUTE TO GREENLAND, Dec. 27 (AP)—Calming seas permitted the rescue carrier Saipan to resume a cruising speed today of 27 knots (about 30 miles an hour) after rough weather had forced her to slow down for 12 hours.

Winds had dropped off sharply but the sky was mostly overcast as the ship raced for Davis Strait and a try at recovering 13 Air Force men stranded 7800 feet up on a Greenland ice cap.

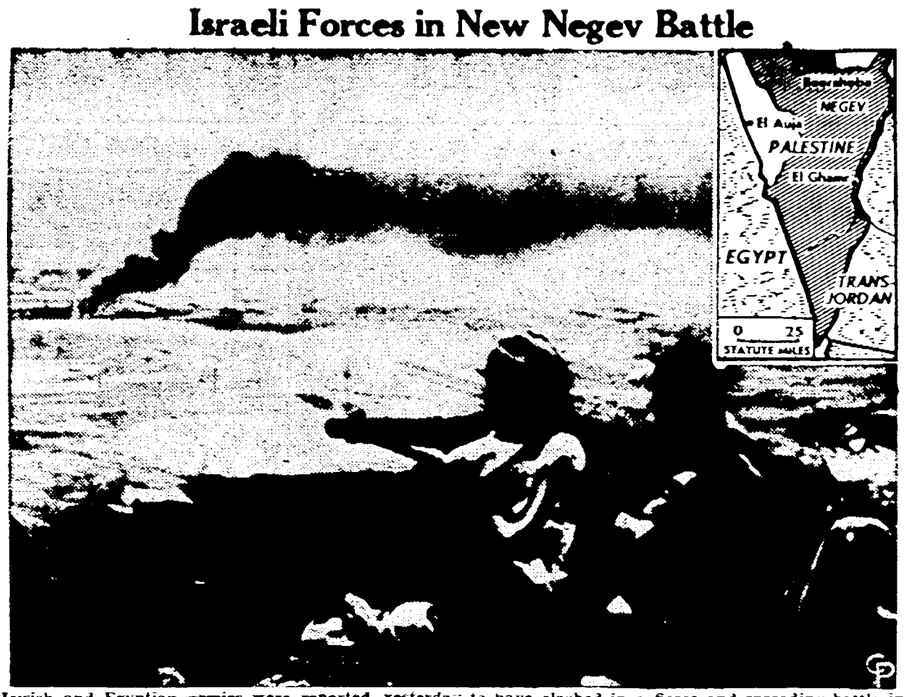
The Navy and Air Force meanwhile began coordination of their efforts today to rescue the marooned men. Seven were stranded when forced down Dec. 9. Others have joined them since when other rescue attempts, by plane and glider, failed.

All were reported in good condition.

The Air Force rushed Col. Bernt Balchen, an authority on arctic operations, to the scene.

He took off from Ladd field, Alaska in a C54 equipped with rescue gear, and headed for an American base on Greenland.

Israeli Forces in New Negev Battle



Jewish and Egyptian armies were reported yesterday to have clashed in a fierce and spreading battle in the Negev desert near the Egyptian border. Jewish soldiers shown above spot a fire started by Jewish shellfire. Map (inset) shows the Negev desert where the battle is progressing.

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U. N. OBSERVERS BLAME ISRAEL FOR OUTBREAKS

Mediator Bunche Reports He's Not Sure of Cause For Palestine Hostilities

PARIS, Dec. 27 (AP) — United Nations observers today accused Israeli forces of attacking Egyptian units in the Negev in violation of truce agreements, but Mediator Ralph J. Bunche said he was not blaming either side.

The observers' lengthy report to the Security council tended to support Egyptian complaints that Israeli forces had reopened hostilities in violation of the council's truce order. The report carried Bunche's signature.

Subsequently Bunche told newsmen at Lake Success, N. Y., that he was unable to say who fired the first shot in the renewed Negev fighting.

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THE MEDIATOR EXPLAINED that his report contained statements from observers on the Egyptian side which tended to lay the blame on Israel. He said he was unable to include statements from observers on the Israeli side, because the establishment of U. N. observers' posts in the Negev had not been permitted.

Bunche's statement clarified the meaning of the report to the Security council. At first the mediator's report was construed in Paris as meaning that Israel was blamed for breaking the truce.

In the report Bunche said: "I have no knowledge of any incidents which could be claimed as provocation for the fighting in the Negev."

The report said the Israeli government expelled U. N. observers from posts with the Jewish forces on Dec. 21.

The next day, the report said, Israel declared itself "bound to reserve its freedom of action," one of its warships shelled Egyptian positions on the Gaza coast and Israeli aircraft bombed Gaza.

Fierce Negev Battle Rages Near Egyptian Border

TEL AVIV, Israel, Dec. 27 (AP) — Israeli and Egyptian armies clashed in a fierce and spreading desert battle near the Egyptian frontier today and a Jewish communique said Arab sniping had broken out in Jerusalem.

Israel said seven Jewish soldiers were wounded, two of them seriously, when Arab snipers opened fire from the walls of the Old City. It was the first time since the United Nations cease-fire agreement for the Holy city was signed on Dec. 1 that the Jews officially reported sniping from Arab lines.

Israeli military leaders veiled their progress and plans in the Negev desert of Southern Palestine behind a virtual news blackout. They seemed intent, however, on flinging the Egyptian army out of the Holy Land and into Egypt's Sinai peninsula.

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A REMARK BY DAVID Ben-Gurion, Israeli premier, in a speech last night, gave point to this belief. He spoke of an "Egyptian exodus in reverse" and said he felt optimistic about the desert fighting, which now is in its fifth day.

The Israeli version of the Jerusalem shooting said the Arabs first opened fire on party of soldiers who were walking in the open between Jewish positions in clear range of Arab legionnaires. The Arabs shouted to them to get out of the so-called no-man's land and the Jews retracted their steps. When they reached an open space behind the lines, gunfire was heard again and Israeli soldiers were wounded.

According to the cease-fire agreement signed by the Jerusalem military commanders—Lt. Col. Moshe Dayan of Israel, and Col. Abdullah El Tel of the Arab legion—freedom of movement is permitted behind the lines but not in the no-man's land.

The Negev fighting, now in its fifth day, was raging along a nine-mile front just north of the Egyptian border.

Expert to Lend Hand In Guam Rape-Slaying

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 27 (AP)—A lie detector expert will leave here tonight for Guam to interview suspects in the unsolved rape-murder of Ruth Farnsworth.

He is Berkeley police inspector Al Riddel. The Navy is flying him out in the seaplane Mars in an effort to crack one of its most baffling cases.

Miss Farnsworth, pretty 27-year-old civil service employe from San Francisco, was found Dec. 13—the victim of a vicious sex slaying in the jungle.

Six GI's Freed Unhurt By Soviets in Berlin

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 27 (AP)—Six American soldiers captured by the Russians were released tonight unharmed by a hail of bullets which forced their surrender.

They said Red army soldiers fired 10 times in seizing them at the heavily guarded border between the American and Soviet zones of Germany yesterday afternoon.

An official U. S. Army announcement said the Americans did not fire a single shot in reply. The Russian shots went over the heads of the Americans. German police had said earlier the Americans were seized after a gun fight had developed.

The Army announcement added that the six soldiers, all members of the 22d constabulary squadron, had strayed across the zonal boundary by mistake while patrolling in jeeps at a point where the border is not clearly defined.

They were returned safely by the Russians about 30 hours after their capture. They said they had been "extremely well treated."

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THE ARMY GAVE THE names of the six soldiers as:

Sgt. P. Joseph Kelly, Philadelphia; Sgt. John Warrick, Garrison, Pa.; Pvt. Edward Sasser, Andalusia, Ala.; Pvt. Lester Miller, Clemons, Ky.; Pfc. Chester Collins, Pineville, Ky.; Pfc. Robert Deyton, Chester, S. C.

The Russians also released a German border policeman who was patroling with the soldiers.

Lt. Col. Leroy Frazier, commander of the 22d squadron, said the Russians claimed their troops had fired one "warning shot" before taking the Americans into custody.

They were seized near Kassel, some 80 miles northeast of Frankfurt. Kassel is near the most northerly point of the U. S. occupation zone.

The past week, Russian troops shot and wounded one British soldier and captured six others who crossed a zonal frontier while chasing a rabbit they had wounded on hunting expedition.

In Berlin, U. S. military government officials encountered another irritation when they asked the inter-allied musical library in the Russian sector of this city to return a collection of American scores and records.

The Soviet-licensed press promptly accused the Americans of trying to "rob" the Russian-controlled institution and "destroy the last cultural bridges in Berlin."

Two Probers Urge Stiffer Penalties for Contempt of Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Stiffer penalties for contempt were recommended today by Reps. Mundt (R-SD) and Nixon (R-Calif) along with a list of proposed procedural changes for the House un-American activities committee.

Both are members of the committee and Mundt, a senator-elect, has been acting chairman.

In a joint statement, they suggested that the proposed changes, designed in the main to give greater protection to witnesses and accused persons, be put into effect when the Democrats take over the committee next month. Republicans have been in control of the committee for the past two years.

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MUNDT AND NIXON did not specify how much stiffer they would make the penalty for persons convicted of contempt of Congress. They left that up to the incoming Congress with the comment that offenders "should be severely and appropriately punished."

The existing law under which numerous persons have been tried for contempt of the un-American activities committee provides a maximum penalty of one year imprisonment and a $1000 fine.

Mundt and Nixon made their recommendations as committeemen disclosed that the group is looking for at least two more couriers for Communist espionage rings and believes some such runner is working even now.

Mundt pointed out to reporters that there is a three-year gap between 1938 when Whittaker Chambers testified he quit carrying Washington secrets to Red agents, and 1941 when Miss Elizabeth T. Bentley says she took up the chore for the war years.

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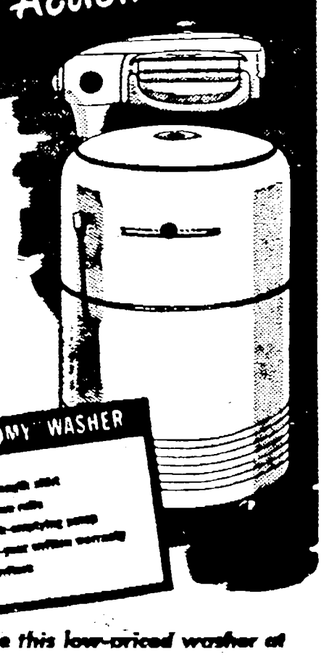

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Education Delegates Attend 3-Day Parley Held at Harrisburg

Principals and teachers of Pottstown public schools yesterday began attending three-day sessions of the 96th annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Education association in Harrisburg.

Workshop sessions, general meetings and gatherings of the group's House of Delegates will highlight the convention.

Among those from local schools were J. Robert Von Drach, Senior High school, and G. Luther Supplee, Junior High school, delegates of the Pottstown Teachers' association, which Supplee heads.

Also, Vernon H. W. Dessenberger, principal of the Junior High school; Earl R. Strange, Senior High school, and Walter F. McCurdy, Junior High school.

Harry L. Smith, Senior High school president, and Havard E. Fosnosht, principal of the elementary schools, expect to attend the final sessions tomorrow.

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GOV. JAMES H. DUFF; Dr. Francis B. Haas, State superintendent of public instruction; Mabel Studebaker, president of the National Education association; Francis J. Brown, executive secretary of President Turman's Commission on Higher Education, and Walter E. Myer, director of the Civic Education Service, of Washington, D. C., are among the scheduled main speakers.

Assembly delegates of the association heard committee reports in yesterday's general opening sessions. Planned group meetings for teachers of various subjects took up much of the afternoon.

Hearing Postponed In Traffic Death

Hearing for Marvin F. Heller, 34, of Pottstown RD 3, charged with involuntary manslaughter as a result of the auto-crash death of William G. Zimmerman, 22, of 709 Beech street, has been continued until tonight at 7 o'clock.

Justice of the Peace Raymond C. Kelley, of the Second ward, made this announcement. He added that the extra time was alloted to permit further investigation.

Zimmerman was hurled from his skidding car the past Friday during a three-car accident at High street and Moser road. He died the next day in Memorial hospital without regaining consciousness.

The accident occured as Zimmerman's car passed Heller's. Both had been driving west on High street.

After the 22-year-old's death, the charge against Heller was changed from drunken driving to involuntary manslaughter.

'His Star' Cantata Sung At Baltzell Church Here

Baltzell Evangelical United Brethren church presented a Christmas cantata, "His Star" to 73 persons Saturday night in the church.

The choir sang the work, composed by Geibel. Solo parts were taken by Paul Quinter, Janet Boughter and Theodore Graham. Mrs. Charles Kirby and Katherine Decker sang a duet. The singers were accompanied by Richard Smoker on the piano and Mrs. Paul Hoffman was the reader.

At the morning service, Dolores Wilkerson was baptized and she and Mrs. Geneva Johnson were received into the church. The Rev. John L. Smoker, pastor, officiated.

Beautiful—But Tough on Firemen

Beautiful to the eye are the ice designs formed as a fire-hose is played on one of seven Minneapolis stores that were gutted by fire. Four firemen were injured while fighting the blaze in zero weather.

Property Valuation Up $45,000 in Upper Pottsgrove

Upper Pottsgrove township is worth about $45,000 more now than December, 1947, members of the school board and road board were told last night.

The combined meeting was held to hear the report of the township assessor, Tilghman K. Hauseman. Information will be used when budgets are compiled next June.

The bulk of the increase is due "to improved land," which includes new buildings. Unimproved land and incomes also are included in the assessment.

The assessed valuation in 1947 was $393,140. Depending on the budget, the millage rate may be increased, dropped or remain the same.

Township tax collector Luther H. Boyer presented the school board with $248.34 in taxes.

The school board decided to change the regular meeting night from the last Friday of the month to the last Monday because of conflicts with other meetings. Next meeting will be held Jan. 31 at 8 p. m.

Last night's session was held in the consolidated school.

A 1783 volcanic eruption in Iceland resulted in the loss of 53 percent of the island's cattle; 77 percent of the horses, and 82 percent of the sheep.

Kiwanis Club to Install New Officers Tonight

Past President John B. Hartenstine will hand his gavel to President Harry W. Burdan tonight when the Pottstown Kiwanis club installs its new officers at a meeting in the Elks' home at 6:15 o'clock.

Moving into office with Burdan are J. G. Ludwick, first vice president, Kenneth F. Tyson, second vice president, Harry W. Wilson, secretary, and Ammon G. Romig, treasurer.

Actor John Westley Dies In Hollywood of Stroke

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27 (AP)—John Westley, 70, a stage actor for about 35 years, died yesterday of a stroke.

Years ago he appeared on Broadway with the Dolly sisters and was leading man to Lynn Fontanne in "Dulcy." Other plays in which he had leads included "50 Miles From Boston," "45 Minutes From Broadway," "Fallen Leaves," "Twin Beds," and "Three of Us."

Obituaries

Funeral services for **E. ELIZABETH (STINE) McCAUGHEY, 64, wife of Charles F. McCaughey, DOWNINGTOWN,** will be held from a funeral home at 43 West Lancaster avenue, Downingtown, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. McCaughey died the past Friday in the Chester County hospital after a two-weeks long illness. She had been a patient at the hospital for one week.

Born at Lionville, a daughter of the late George W. and Mary (Gunkle) Stine, she attended public schools at Lionville and was graduated from Pottstown Business college. She was a member of the Central Presbyterian Church and the Ladies' auxiliary of the Alert Fire company during her 40 years residence in Downingtown.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by the following children: Adlaide, wife of Gilbert Hamm, Shippensburg; Helen, wife of Evard Hall, West Chester; Lois, wife of Earl Mayberry, at home; Robrt V., Downingtown; and Charles F. Jr., at home. Also by a brother, Louis P. Stine, Downingtown, and two grandchildren.

Interment will be made in Northwood cemetery.

Funeral services for **JESSE A. HUTT,** husband of Eva (Strunk) Hutt, of **41 BOONE COURT, PENN VILLAGE,** were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from a funeral home at 466 North Franklin street.

Officiating was the Rev. Kenneth R. Anderson, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church, Stowe. Interment was made in Pottstown West End cemetery.

Bearers were Walter Stetler, Milton Stetler, Paul Spencer, George Wright, Frank Kapanash and Frank Hutt Jr.

LOCOMOTIVE KILLS MAN

CANONSBURG, Dec. 27 (AP) — A mine locomotive today killed George Brown, 50, of Meadowland, Washington county. Brown, a motorman, was working in the Lindley mine of the Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal company.

Despite their great bulk, elephants can pad through the brush as silently as a cat.

Scouts Enjoy Yule Party, Ice-Skating; Lay Plans for Major Event in February

A Christmas party, an ice-skating expedition and plans for a major Boy Scout event to be held in February marked last night's meetings of Pottstown area troops.

Troop 15 held the Chrismas party in Grace Lutheran church. Highlight of the party were two contests arranged by Scoutmaster Harold Houck.

John Blackwell won a "smelling" game during which each of the nine scouts present were confronted with a bottle and asked to list its contents, which included turpentine, water and ammonia.

Blackwell was awarded a cake of soap as his prize.

A variant on volley ball was played between teams, with scouts blowing a feather over a rope net.

The troop also made tentative plans for a camping trip to Hopewell park Jan. 8 and 9.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Houck.

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EIGHT MEMBERS of Troop 7 adjourned to Manatawny creek for an evening of ice-skating under the supervision of Scoutmaster John Jacob.

The scouts did most of their figure 8's near Beech street, but the skating was at least tolerable from High street to Third street.

The troop also voted to adopt "cycling" as the theme for their booth in the "Scouts-in-Action" exhibit to be held in Pottstown during February.

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TROOP 4 DECIDED to take quick advantage of a perennial Christmas problem for local householders, after Scoutmaster Gene Shellenberger suggested that the troop's current scrap-paper drive be intensified this week while gift wrappings still are underfoot.

Proceeds of the drive, being conducted by individual patrols, are used for the troop's camping treasury.

The meeting, held in First Methodist church and attended by 15 scouts, also saw the reorganization of patrols, with the nine recent members assigned to their units.

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TROOP 18 MADE preparations for a Winter camping trip to Camp Delmont next month, with Scoutmaster Edward Jameson stressing the need for heavy clothing. The eight boys present decided to do their cooking on charcoal stoves rather than in fire places.

The meeting closed with a rugged tag-type game, in which both the scoutmaster and Harold Roberts, troop committeeman, participated. The opening of the session was in charge of Charles Yerger, while William Mohn conducted closing ceremonies.

Jameson explained that the "Scouts-in-Action" event will be held during Boy Scout Week. All troops of the Pottstown area will participate.

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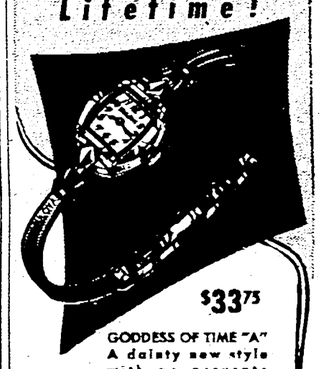

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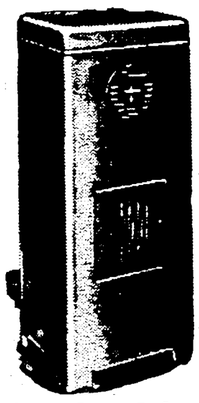

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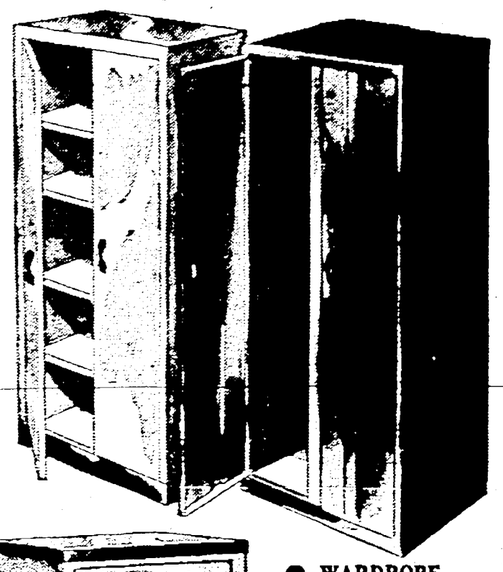

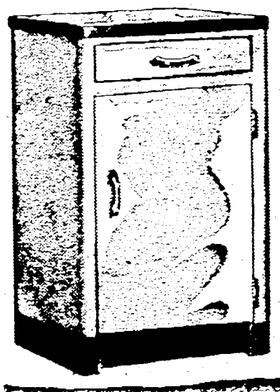

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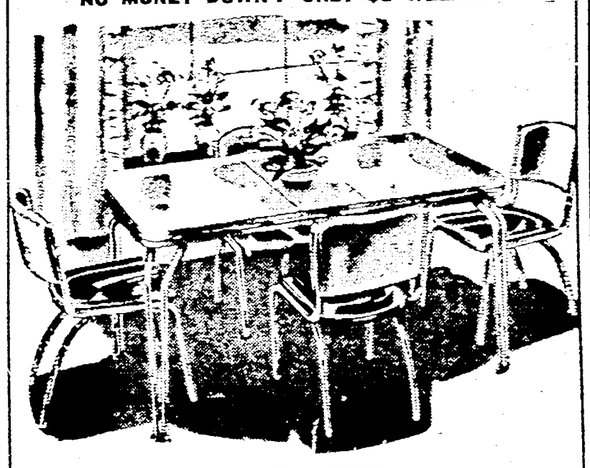

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The press is good or evil according to the character of those who direct it. It is a mill that grinds all that is put into its hopper. Fill the hopper with poisoned grain and it will grind it to meal, but there is death in the bread.—William Cullen Bryant.

A Need for Re-Dedication

JUST before Christmas a number of Pottstown adults "wrote" to Santa Claus for the things they wanted most for Pottstown.

A good public servant would read those requests over and over again. He would clip the items and place them in his hat. He would strive to grant requests, for that service would perpetuate him in office.

The wants were no different from those of other years. That indicates Pottstown's public servants in borough hall and in the schools are not adequately serving their constituents.

The people wanted better schools, a bigger library, more play spaces and parks, better streets, low cost housing. They've been asking for the same gifts for more than a decade.

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Is this the time, then, as Pottstown goes into an election year and just before public budgets for 1949 are made up, for public officials to take inventory?

Pottstown has made a start toward community betterment. But monumental problems have grown with years of neglect until a united, herculean effort is required to deal with them.

● Paramount among them is law enforcement; not only a police force that is honest, efficient and adequate in size, but the inculcation of the spirit of the law and order which checks crime at its source.

● Pottstown needs higher standards of municipal services like street cleaning, street lighting, better streets and better traffic control.

● The educational program is lagging. Pottstown's building code has been assaulted too often because of personal greed. Pottstown's legislators would allow apartments over garages, in ten-foot alleys without considering the problems of fire prevention, of overcrowded slums, of playground needs, of sunlight for kiddies.

● Pottstown has a crying need for public housing, slum clearance, improved transportation, education, and facilities for recreation in which we all can participate.

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Many a Pottstown citizen has seen the need for equalized assessments. A good start was made toward equalizing assessments, of removing favoritism. With the help of county assessment officials, inequities were being erased. But Burgess William A. Griffith has allowed that committee to die. An election year poses the fear that votes may be lost if taxes are raised.

Schools must be built. Higher standards of education must be instituted. But again politicians shy away from their responsibilities because of lack of funds. And taxes may not be raised in an election year!

Personal greed and prejudice, political strategy that calls for doing nothing so that no votes are lost, must be forgotten if Pottstown is to go forward. The so-called American way of life will endure if Pottstown's citizens dedicate themselves to working for the common good.

Mar's Secrets

BUCK ROGERS and Orson Welles were given the lie the other day by a University of Chicago astronomer. The only life on Mars is plant life, and that apparently of a rather low form. So there will be no invasion by a new race of supermen swooping down from that planet to make slaves of all us mere earthly mortals.

Last February Mars got as close as it ever gets—30 million miles. During the weeks the planet was nearest, Prof. Gerard P. Kuiper, director of Yerkes observatory, set up shop at the McDonald observatory, Fort Davis, Texas, where he focused an 82-inch reflecting telescope, third largest in the world, upon the planet. With this and new equipment developed during the war, he was able to determine that water, carbon dioxide and oxygen exist on Mars. All are essential to life as we know it.

But Dr. Kuiper found no evidence of any of the higher forms of life on Mars. While his discoveries won't end the parlor arguments about Mars they'll go a long way to herd them toward the bounds of reason.

Grampaw Oakley

PUNKIN CORNERS,
December 27.

Editor The Mercury,
Dear Sir 'n' Brother:

Wal, I see by the papers where President Truman gave bookmarks to White House employes. He and the voters are helping them keep their place.

Speaking of Truman, tickets are being mailed for the inaugural ball. Don't plan to go if you can't dance to "I'm Just Wild About Harry!"

And say: There's a move on for 2½ and 7½-cent coins. The way things are going, it would mean the death of the penny and nickel!

Hopin' you air the same,
GRAMPAW NED OAKLEY

READERS SAY:

The name and complete address of the author must accompany every contribution but on request will not be published. Letters not exceeding 250 words will receive preference.

Police Negligence Abets Traffic Slaughter, He Writes

Grab the Speeders

To the Editor: Why do people have to be killed on our streets when we can do something to stop it—but won't?

Your report of the accident at High street and Moser road said the witnesses told police at least two of the cars involved were traveling at high speed.

Your letter column and editorials have repeatedly pointed out the failure of the police department to enforce speed limits at the two ends of the borough on Route 422. Then why doesn't someone do something about it?

I dare say that the State police, with their large areas to cover, do a much better job in cutting down the speed of automobiles than our own police do inside of the borough limits.

Ninety-eight percent of drivers on the road today, in my opinion, make an honest attempt to observe the traffic laws. The other 2 percent does the killing.

If this were true, a police crusade against speeders would be a popular one. Couldn't an effort be made in this direction — or must we continue to read of motorists dying on our streets and the police doing nothing about it?

Pottstown D. W. M.

Slim Jim Gets the Rib

To the Editor: Me, with my well-rounded curves, was doing my Christmas shopping in Pottstown when I spied a walking toothpick going down High street. Taking a second glance, I saw it had an overcoat on. A clothes hanger must have held it up, but after squatting my little bit of overweight on the bus, it just came to my mind that it was you, Slim Jim ("Says We're Colony of Gluttons," Readers Say, Dec. 21), I passed on the street.

After reading your letter, I fully realize a good, square meal wouldn't fit in a little round hole for Slim Jim, because he must be a fine specimen of malnutrition walking around with paper weights to hold his joints together and Scotch tape to keep his muscles in place.

Come over our way for a good grease and bake job, but bring your own seltzer water along. We don't want an attack of indigestion to get caught between your skinny ribs when you eat your first real meal.

Better yet — and we will both save some money — if you loosen the Scotch tape and let a good breeze hit you, then we will probably never hear from you again.

Earlville LOVES TO EAT

None of Your Business

To the Editor: Don't you know Nosey Rosey ("Behind Closed Doors," Readers Say, Dec. 22) that it is none of your business what goes on in those "secret" meetings of the Boyertown school board?

Don't you realize that when you elect a public official you sign away your rights to know what he is doing with your tax dollar?

We who live in Lower Pottsgrove township found that out a long time ago.

My advice to you is to get close to the grapevine. It may take a little time, but you'll get the word—even though it may be somewhat off color.

Pottstown RD 4 NOSEY JOSIE

'Hang On to Your Shirts'

To the Editor: When Mr. Truman was going up and down the land with his warning of "boom and bust," he always remained quite silent as to the true facts.

There has never been a depression with a Republican Congress in Washington, but we have never failed to have a depression with a Democratic Congress. Take a look at the record.

We should all hang on to our shirts and pants, for here it comes — a new Democratic Congress in January.

We hope there will be no belly-aching by the farmers when wheat returns to 40c a bushel, as it was in 1941, after 11 years of Democratic Congresses (before they could arrange a convenient war to get the prices up). Who brought the Democratic Congress back but the farmers? We thought we were rid of it permanently, or at least for this generation.

It will be interesting to see what cause they claim for this Democratic Congress "bust," and if they will bring on another war to change it to a "boom."

Birchrunville C. L. B.

WASHINGTON

Reorganization of GOP To Be Painful Process

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—Reorganization of the Republican leadership of Congress and the National committee threatens to be such a painful process that GOP bigwigs prefer to defer any action until the recriminations and reverberations of the Nov. 2 upset have died away.

Their tentative decision, which will come up for formal consideration at a committee meeting late in January, has been hastened by the attitude of the two men involved in any change of policy and personality — National Chairman Hugh D. Scott Jr. of Pennsylvania and Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, chairman of the party's policy committee in the upper chamber.

Neither the Pennsylvanian nor the Ohioan is willing to step down and out gracefully. Moreover, there appears to be no demand for their scalps within the committee itself, which is still a conservative body of men.

Agitation for revision of principles and personalities along more liberal lines has been voiced principally by members of the Senate, who possess no real influence in partisan councils.

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POSTS: The chief objection to retention of Mr. Scott is that his membership in Congress may not permit him sufficient time to engage in the kind of "grass roots" organization on which future victories can be built, especially in the Middle and Far West. His critics maintain that he cannot fill both posts satisfactorily. He has said that he does not plan to resign from the House.

In view of the need for a full-time incumbent who can plug the holes torn in the party front in normally Republican areas last election day, it has been proposed that the committee give Chairman Scott a well-paid assistant. In this connection, Victor Johnston of Wisconsin has been mentioned because of his successful work of rebuilding the organization in that state.

He took over in Wisconsin after years in which La Follette Progressives had dominated politics there. Besides driving both of the famous brothers into private life—"Young Bob" and "Phil"—he was largely responsible for the election of a Republican Governor, two Republican members of the Senate and a solid Republican delegation in the House.

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ORGANIZATION: Mr. Johnston became a national political figure as Harold E. Stassen's campaign manager in the Wisconsin presidential primary the past Spring. Although the Minnesotan had Governor Thomas E. Dewey and General Douglas A. MacArthur as his opponents, Mr. Stassen picked up 19 delegates to eight for the hero of Bataan and none for the New Yorker.

Governor Dewey recognized his abilities by drafting him for work at Albany after the Philadelphia convention. An easy-going, good-natured individual who holds no grudges, "Vic" made friends with most of the party higher-ups.

His talent for organization along practical, precinct lines is regarded as the party's prime need because of the GOP's unbelievably poor showing against a Democratic machine torn by internal strife and the Wallace and Thurmond-Wright rebellions.

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FORCES: The so-called liberalization of the GOP will not result from any formal decision by a group of men inside or outside Congress. The very adoption of a hastily drawn set of principles to meet present-day demands and needs, the leaders recognize, would be a confession that President Truman's "do nothing" and "tory" accusations were well grounded.

Any reorientation will be the product of the operation of natural forces, and the voters' condemnation last month constitutes the most effective kind of pressure on politicians and legislators.

FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING

For MISS MILDRED A. HAMEL,
37 West Fourth Street,
BECAUSE she recently was betrothed to Mr. Brooke E. Ginder, Pottstown RD 3.

The Voice of Broadway

By DOROTHY KILGALLEN

Jottings in Pencil

FORMER ZIEGFELD girl Mozellecita Stapp Van Wyck, a headline maker for years, has remarried in Brazil. Her new husband doesn't speak English, so she'll learn Portuguese . . .

Tony Martin

The Madison Square Garden Corp. is quietly lining up fresh legislative support for the proposed new Garden at Columbus Circle, which they believe will be a body blow to all rivals . . .

Tony Martin, who closed in Philadelphia recently and flew back to the Coast, was forced to turn down a record-breaking offer from a Broadway night club because the Copa holds a commitment from him and Tony doesn't want to fulfill it in view of the three shows a night it requires. Until he does appear again at the Copa, he can never work anywhere else in New York . . .

Since her most recent breakup with Clark Gable, Iris Bynum has returned to her first Hollywood love (well, one of the first!), writer Bill Morrow.

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HORACE SCHMIDLAPP is in the Broadway neighborhood lining up talent for the review he plans to produce in Hollywood . . . Remember Elizabeth Russell, the "tiger woman" of the movies? She's all set to samba down the aisle with a wealthy Braziliano.

Many Hearst reporters are irked with Eddie Cantor for his gratuitous rap at one of their associates at the Barkley dinner the other night . . . Actress Jean Muir is being paged for a lead in the new drama "The Ivy Green," which is based on the life of Charles Dickens . . .

Domestic notes from the theatrical area: Jose Ferrer, star of "The Silver Whistle," bakes his own bread in his Gotham apartment, because he doesn't like the kind you buy in stores. And the chef at Arnold Jr.'s swears that was Rex Harrison scrambling his own eggs in the restaurant's kitchen a little after noon last Sunday. Says he was right handy at it, too!

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NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL ster Terry Brennan and Anne Blyth of the movies are a nightly person-to-person call . . . Al Schacht departs on his third veterans' hospital tour this week. Dec. 26 marked his 4000 performance at the 400th hospital . . .

Jim Farley Jr. and Pat Dillon do their hand-holding at the Viennese Lantern, way up in the seventies . . . A top bandleader, who has been straying lately, patched things up with his better half via a $6000 mink coat . . .

Joan Caulfield is bedded with a heavy cold she caught on the boat coming over from England . . . Hollywood continues to be full of money troubles. Dick Powell's outfit still hasn't been able to finance the movie of "Mrs. Mike," and there are persistent whispers of similar troubles on the Greta Garbo-Walter Wanger film.

The Worry Clinic

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

SANDRA D., 5 is an only child.

"Dr. Crane, she is very good at home," her mother volunteered, "and gets along well when playing with the neighboring children.

"If she ever gets unruly, I can always reason with her without spanking. But at kindergarten, her teacher claims she has never had a child as bad as Sandra.

"The other day Sandra put some paint on a little boy's face. The teacher seemed very much surprised and shocked.

"She led Sandra into the First grade room, where she told the other teacher and the entire roomful of older children just what Sandra had done.

"I remonstrated with the teacher about publicizing a child's misdeeds, but she tells me that is the method they employ. Recently she took a little boy into the next room and publicly spanked him in front of the First grade children.

"Sandra now hates school and her teacher. The latter gloatingly informed me that none of the other little girls will play with Sandra any more. Dr. Crane, do you think the teacher is right?"

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WE NEED TO be unusually tolerant regarding the teachers in the early grades of school, for their task is exceedingly difficult.

They receive 35 or 40 youngsters who aren't accustomed to the classroom restraints. Many of these children are typical little grandstanders and selfish egotists who have had no brothers or sisters at home, and who therefore don't even know how to play or share toys or cooperate in simple activities.

Accordingly, we seldom dare believe entirely the fond mamma's report about her model child, for parents of a single youngster don't encounter the full gamut of child psychology.

It is more difficult to teach nowadays than it was a generation ago, for our kindergartens are so full of "only" children.

A mother of three children is usually worn out by the end of the day. Multiply her problems by ten and you obtain some idea of the teacher's nerve-wracking task.

We psychologists don't wish to give the impression that all teachers are perfect, however, in their knowledge of child psychology. For some are good teachers and some are poor teachers.

Others may lack a sense of humor, so they make mountains out of molehills. For example, putting a few dabs of water color paint on the face of Sandra's classmate, was not a heinous crime.

True, it must not be ignored, for that would invite repetition of the naughty deed.

But the punishment should not be comparable to a public execution, nor should a child be openly shamed and humiliated until she feels she has the mark of Cain on her forehead.

When punishment is administered, good teachers try to make the affair a private one.

Send for my "Test For A Good Teacher," enclosing a three-cent stamped envelope, plus a dime.

In Retrospect

50 Years Ago

December 28, 1898

HIGH STREET GRADING — Francis H. Saylor, High and Bailey streets, appeared at a meeting of borough council and asked that High street east of Bailey be graded. He complained of "terrible" conditions in that section. Leonard Potts has asked for the placing of a gutter in front of his premises. Council promised to grade the street "when the necessary cash is available."

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ANNIVERSARY—Camp PO of A. observed its 12th anniversary. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs Joanne Moser, Mrs Joel Fox, Mrs. Harry F. Antrim, Carrie Yergey, Mrs. Emma Wartman and Mrs. Maggie Slonaker.

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ADVISES GIRLS—John Diffenbecker, this borough, says if girls devoted the same measure of time to trying to be good that they devote to trying to be beautiful they'd all be angels.

25 Years Ago

December 28, 1923

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB—Fourteen members of the Quarter Century Club of the Stanley G. Flagg and company plant, Stowe, attended a banquet at Beck's cafe. Stanley G. Flagg 3rd made the address of welcome. The club is composed of employes who have given 25 years of service to the company.

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WARNS SCHOOL BOARDS — Gov. Gifford Pinchot in an address before the State Educators association in Philadelphia, said "The State public schools must not be used as a personal or political machine."

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CHRISTMAS GIFT—Each employe of the Pottstown Passenger Railway company received $9.62 as his share of the receipts on Christmas Day.

10 Years Ago

December 28, 1938

BODY FOUND—The body of James G. Becker, 61, of Bechtelsville, was found floating in a quarry pool on the Kuser farm near that borough. The discovery was made by the victim's son, Charles, 20. Becker had been missing for 24 hours.

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BAN COMPANY UNION—The Bethlehem Steel company's 20-year-old employes representatives plan has been banned by the National Labor Relations board as a violation of the Wagner Labor act. The plan went into effect here in 1931 when the Bethlehem company purchased the McClintic-Marshall company's plant in Pottstown.

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INDUSTRIAL SITUATION—An improvement in the industrial situation here in 1939 is predicted by heads of local industries, among them F. T. Cadmus, William G. Gutmueller, H. C. Gingrich, John N. Bohannon and Andrew Vaughan Jr. They predicted a slow steady gain for industry in 1939.

PEARLS OF GREAT PRICE

Hollywood

By EDITH GWYNN

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27—Producer Paul Short is surely long on Audie Murphy, and has just acquired the fifth yarn to star the young war hero in. It's "Before I Die," authored by Harold Quick.

Wanda Hendrix

Audie who weds Wanda Hendrix in a couple of weeks, just finished "Bad Boy" for Short . . The Dane Clark-Warner Bros. battle is headed for an airing in court . . . Thomas Gomez, of the better thespians, is returning here for a role in "Midnight Kiss" with Kathryn Grayson at Metro, having turned down a part in "The Big Knife"—John Garfield's Bway. show. In times when Hollywood studios are so stupidly firing publicity men (of all people!) —the very ones who "sell tickets" in a real sense, it's nice to report that when Gomez went east, he kept his press-agent on full salary, saying "I'm going to take a little rest—you do the same." With that kind of reasoning, no wonder Tom's salary has soared. Producers and performers are dopes to fire ANYONE who creates a demand for pictures or people!

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ANDY RUSSELL and his wife Della Norrell are a smash success at El Rancho Vegas, in Nevada. They will open at Ciros in Hollywood soon . . . Dorothy Patrick, a beautiful, natural blonde was under contract at MGM where about the only thing she did was to play Mrs. Jerome Kern in "Till the Clouds Roll by." Now she's on her own and just landed a top role in "Come to the Stable," the Clare Booth Luce story being produced at 20th Fox. She's in good company with Loretta Young, Celeste Holm, Elsa Lanchester and Hugh Marlowe.

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DOUG FAIRBANKS, JR., who has been bouncing around Europe as a sort of "good will ambassador" again (this time in connection with CARE) is back in Filmtown and up to his neck in movie business. He plans four independent productions in 1949 — with as many different studios. He'll finally get around to making "Terry and the Pirates" which he acquired a long time ago. It will be a musical. Others on tap are "The Caballero" and "Sir Launcelot," which Douglass will do in association with J. Arthur Rank . . . When "The Great Dan Patch" (starring Dennis O'Keefe and some hoss-flesh) is finished, Ruth Warrick heads for Manhattan to be in "The Emperor of China" with Lilli Palmer and Jean Pierre Aumont.

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LORD MILFORD-HAVEN, Manhattan's new glamour-boy has switched from "Diplomatic circles" to giving modoll Monica van Vorne a royal whirl . . . When Horace Heidt, the band leader, announced the opening of his Lone Palm Hotel in Palm Springs, he didn't "win friends or influence people" by having the telegrams about it, arrive in their homes at 7 a. m.! . . . Ben Bard is reviving the stage version of "Farewell to Arms" locally, with Marge Pemoerton, Busby Berkeley's wife, and John Fontaines, ex of Barbara Lawrence in the leads.

How's Your Mind?

THE ANSWER, QUICK!

1. What are "shock troops?"
2. What is meant by "occupational therapy?"
3. Is this a true statement: The lacrimal glands are in the throat?
4. Which state in the Union extends farthest north?

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Ex-drama critic Ex-housewife

JOBS UPON A TIME

If the performer on a 15-minute program on a Kansas City radio station had not failed to show up one evening in 1930, Goodman Ace might still be a newspaperman and local broadcaster. Ace was born in Kansas City, Mo., and became drama critic for a newspaper there. When the talent failed to appear, Ace and his wife, Jane, ad-libbed a show and received so much fan mail that ever since they have been doing the successful Easy Aces show over the air. Ace himself wrote the script which is now known as Mr. Ace and Jane.

Jane Ace might still have been just another housewife if she hadn't been waiting outside the studio when Goodman was asked to ad-lib a program. Ace portrays a husband to whom everything happens, mostly at the well-meaning or at least at the innocent instigation of his malaproppish wife, Jane, who sums up the situation when she says, "I have him in the hollow of my head." Jane was born in Kansas City, Mo., too, and while the two disagree over virtually everything over the air, they agree unanimously in their likes, dislikes, work and amusements.

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MODERN MANNERS

Be polite to your telephone operator; don't show impatience if your call is not answered immediately. Thank the operator for her co-operation and courtesy.

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IT HAPPENED TODAY

On Dec. 28, 1941, the Japanese army invaded Sumatra. Iowa was admitted to the Union on Dec. 28, 1846, the 29th state. Woodrow Wilson, World War I president, was born on this date in 1856. Dec. 28 is also the Feast of the Holy Innocents, commemorating the massacre of young children by Herod after the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Roger Huntington Sessions, music composer; Gladys Swarthout, opera, concert and radio singer, and Mortimer Jerome Adler, author, rate birthday celebrations today.

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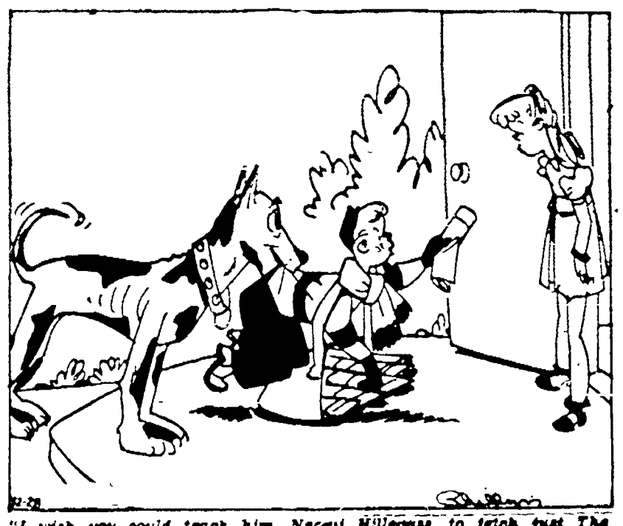
HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. Seasoned or picked soldiers selected to lead an attack.
2. Healing by training in an art or useful occupation.
3. No. The lacrimal gland secretes tears.
4. Minnesota.

Pottstown Sketches

By PHILLIPS



"I wish you could teach him, Naomi Hillegass, to fetch just The Mercury and not me with it!"

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

New Ache, Pain Depot... Sailors Fete Orphans...

ENTERPRISE—Murry Kressen, pharmacist at Kessler's, 264 High street, and Richard Leh, who holds a similar position at Bentz' drugstore, High and Hanover streets, will strike out on their own in February with what they promise will be a modern, well-equipped drugstore on Moser road, near High street, on the site of the former dress factory run by William J. Boden Jr. They've dubbed their shop the "Sunset Pharmacy," and will rent the store from Stanley Swinehart. Kressen, pharmacist at Kessler's for 15 years, since the store was opened here, said he and Leh have planned the project for the past month. The new pharmacy will have a luncheonette in addition to the usual drugstore supplies, he declared.

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SEASON-RUSHER—Mrs. Alverdie R. Shellenberger, 857 South street, is taking her pussy-willows to the Philadelphia market these days, despite the frigid wave, a good two months ahead of schedule. Usually, she starts to cut the branches behind her home in February, but as early as Dec. 14 this year she found the soft growth blooming hardily. Some of the branches are eight feet long, she said . . . Harry E. Prutzman, 302 North York street, was the generous Christmas tree vendor who furnished free trees to underprivileged families whose names were supplied by the Salvation Army . . . Lester Daub, South Hanover street, also made an offer to give away free trees.

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PARTY—Richard G. Kulp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kulp, 446 Seminary street, Pennsburg, probably got a big charge out of his Christmas. A seaman apprentice on the heavy cruiser USS Columbus, Kulp was one of the Yankee sailors who entertained 190 English war orphans of Plymouth, England, at a Christmas Day party. The kiddies, who ranged from 7 to 9 years, were given a turkey dinner, candy and fruit. Then their eyes bulged when each boy got a waterproof lined zipper jacket and each girl received a blouse plus her choice of a pullover or cardigan sweater.

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NOMINATION for Pottstown's Man of the Year: Capt. Meral Cox, of the Salvation Army . . . Louis Carlier, Pottstown boulevardier, recently made a two-week air trip to France and England. He's home almost two weeks now. That makes it a month since he left. Yesterday a postcard he sent with "bonjour de Paris" arrived at this column's sanctum sanctorum. It was mailed from Paris December 7. Postage cost 15 francs, or about a franc a day to get here! Pottstown Postmaster Maurice Sassaman should note and puff his chest over local service!

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CHRISTMAS delicacy missed most by Michael (Mike) A. Deliberitis, the shoeshine man, was the Italian eel. That gourmet's epic occupied a favored spot on many a Roman's table for years. But since the war they've been hard to get, so Mickey didn't have his toothsome treat. Mike also yearns for the days of pig-roasts as the Italian colony formerly put on! . . . Charles E. Smith, former Readingite, has rented the former D.Carlo home on North Hanover street, near Prospect . . . NOMINATION for the most slippery intersection in Pottstown: High and Manatawny streets. Wouldn't you think the ice would be salted? . . . Nicest sign of the Christmas season: The churches brightly lighted way after midnight!

YOUR HEALTH

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M. D.

MOST everybody now uses a toothbrush and, regardless of the controversies concerning its use, it is a good habit to follow. Still, it is true that it has not yet been definitely determined to what extent tooth decay may be prevented by brushing the teeth. But, if for no other reason, the process of brushing the teeth is necessary for good mouth hygiene. And it may be helpful in the treatment of gum disorders.

However, if brushing the teeth is to be of any value, a satisfactory toothbrush, of course, is essential.

An investigation of the type of toothbrushes used by many people has been carried out. The study was made by having over 5000 families mail in all the toothbrushes then in use by members of the family, in return for which they received new toothbrushes. These families were selected from both city and farm areas and from various economic groups.

The toothbrushes obtained were divided into two general groups, those in satisfactory condition and suitable for further use, and those which were unsatisfactory.

Over 8000 toothbrushes were submitted for examination and, startling enough, only about one-fifth of them were found to be in satisfactory working condition. The rest of them were in need of replacement because they could no longer be used effectively for brushing the teeth or because their use might even injure the gum tissues.

Bent or broken bristles were found to be the main reason why a toothbrush was unsatisfactory. Matted bristles were second in importance, and unsanitary conditions the least important.

Many of the toothbrushes had caked dentifrice or food debris at the base of the bristles; therefore, it would seem that emphasis should be placed on the proper care of the toothbrush, such as rinsing it thoroughly after using it to get rid of accumulated materials and allowing it to dry.

People should not only be encouraged to keep the mouth clean by using a toothbrush regularly, but should also realize the importance of using a satisfactory toothbrush and taking good care of it.

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Happy New Year

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Norris Fancy Cling Sliced Peaches ..No. 1 can 22c
Norris Fancy Strawberry Preserves ... 16-oz. tumbler 39c
Norris Fancy Mince Meat ....2 lb. jar 43c
Norris Fancy Mayonnaise ....16-oz. jar 43c
Norris Fancy Catsup .... lge. 14-oz. bot. 23c
Norris Fancy Sliced Beets ....lgst. 2½ can 21c
Liberty Sweet Jumbo Peas .... 2 cans 35c
R & R Plum Pudding ....16-oz. tin 39c
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13,718 County Voters On Registration List Must Be Reinstated

NORRISTOWN, Dec. 27—Exactly 13,718 of the 154,146 voters on the 1948 permanent registration lists in Montgomery county failed to vote during the past two years

That was disclosed today by Kenneth Hallman, Chief Clerk of the County Voters' Registration commission, as letters were sent to the registrants.

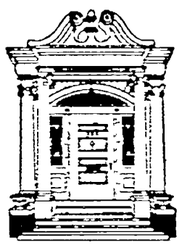
The non-voting registrants were asked to sign an enclosed blank and return it to the board immediately if they want to be retained on the list of registered electors. If they do not apply for reinstatement within 10 days, their names must be removed from the registration list in accordance with the State Voters' Registration act.

Of this number, 10,254 are registered Republican; 3100, Democrats; 357, non-partisan and 7, miscellaneous.

The non-voters by townships were as follows. 6840 Republican; 1627, Democrat; 219, non-partisan, and one, miscellaneous, for a total of 8687.

The listing by boroughs include: 3414, Republican; 1473, Democrat; 138, non-partisan; 6, miscellaneous, for a total of 5031.

In 1947 the non-voters' total was 14,167; in 1946 it reached 17,074 and in 1945 it was at a low of 6,210.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It's a Ford

Mrs. Henry Ford (above) gave birth to a seven and one-quarter pound son yesterday in Henry Ford hospital, Detroit. It is the first son for the couple who have two daughters. Mr. Ford is president of the Ford Motor company.

One Dead, Six Felled By Coal Gas Fumes

LEBANON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Poisonous coal gas fumes spread through an apartment house here today, killing one person and felling six others.

The victim was Roger M Kichline, 31, a Bethlehem metallurgist.

Coroner W. H. Brubaker issued a certificate of accidental death by coal poisoning He said the fumes apparently came from the automatic stoker in the furnace.

Kichline's wife, Evelyn, 33 and two of their three children, Douglas, 10, and Roger Jr., 7, were treated for fumes at a hospital and later discharged.

Harry Kelly, occupant of a second floor apartment, credited his dog 'Ginger' with saving his life and the lives of several others in the building.

Perfect Flying Weather Sends Airlift Tonnage Up

BERLIN, Dec 27 (AP)—The Allied airlift took advantage of perfect flying weather in the past 24 hours to bring 6430 tons of supplies to blockaded Berlin. It was the second highest tonnage since the lift started six months ago yesterday.

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Morse Leads 'Liberal' Republicans In Fight for More Power Within Party

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Senate Republican insurgents came out in the open today with their demand for a stronger voice in shaping party policy.

Morse

At the same time, present GOP leaders countered talk of a revolt with a proposal to enlarge their policy committee to make places for representatives of the dissatisfied group

Senator Morse of Oregon brought the heretofore back-stage feud into the open.

Describing himself as one of those "who represent the liberal wing of the Republican party," Morse said in a statement that he has written Senator Millikin of Colorado:

"In the interests of the greatest possible harmony and united action among Republicans in the Senate there should be a broader distribution of the offices of the Republican conference between the conservative and liberal members of the conference."

The conference is made up of all the GOP senators. Millikin is chairman now.

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MORSE SAID HE and other members of the "liberal wing" are moving to revise the conference rules to provide for:

1. Election of the chairman of the policy committee by all GOP senators, rather than by appointment as in the past by members of the policy group

2. Nomination of policy committee members by the conference's committee on committees and confirmation by the full conference, rather than appointment by the chairman of the conference unit and confirmation by the members.

3. A secret ballot, whenever there is a contest, on election of officers of the conference and determination of committee assignments

In the past, balloting usually has been oral with the division, so far as individuals are concerned, not recorded.

"We feel," said Morse, "that these proposals are in keeping with the need for greater democratization of the Congress."

The discontent of the insurgents stems in part from the outcome of the November election. They are said to feel the general rout of Republicans was a repudiation of what they call the conservative GOP leadership in Congress.

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THE POLICY COMMITTEE is headed at present by Senator Taft of Ohio who has made it clear he wants to keep the job in the new Congress. Most of the insurgents concede he has the votes to do that, but they nevertheless want the "liberal wing" represented in the party councils.

To that end, Senators Brewster of Maine, Bricker of Ohio and Butler of Nebraska joined today in offering an amendment under which the policy committee would be increased from the present nine to 11 members. Another proposed change calls for election of the policy chairman by all GOP Senators, as Morse proposed.

Brewster, Bricker and Butler are not officially on the roster of the present leadership, but their proposal is understood to have the approval of the leaders.

In his statement, Morse said he wrote Millikin the past week asking that senators be given four or five days' notice of the next conference meeting Complying, Millikin today called a meeting of the group for the morning of Jan. 3, three hours before the new Congress convenes.

"I am sure," Morse said, "that such an arrangement will be perfectly satisfactory to all concerned because it is important that when the Republicans walk onto the floor of the Senate, at least a skeleton organization of our group should have been completed so that we will have a floor leader to speak for the Republican party from the moment the Congress convenes."

Burned-Out K of C Men Burned Up About Fire

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 27 (AP)—An unscheduled fire which swept their club rooms Christmas Day is not going to prevent Bismarck Knights of Columbus members from setting a planned fire—although they probably won't be quite as jubilant about it.

The club made final payment on the building two days before it was gutted by fire and had scheduled a mortgage burning ceremony for this week. A club spokesman said the ceremony will go on as planned in another location.

Most rhododendron plants are small, bushy shrubs, but a few reach tree-like proportions.

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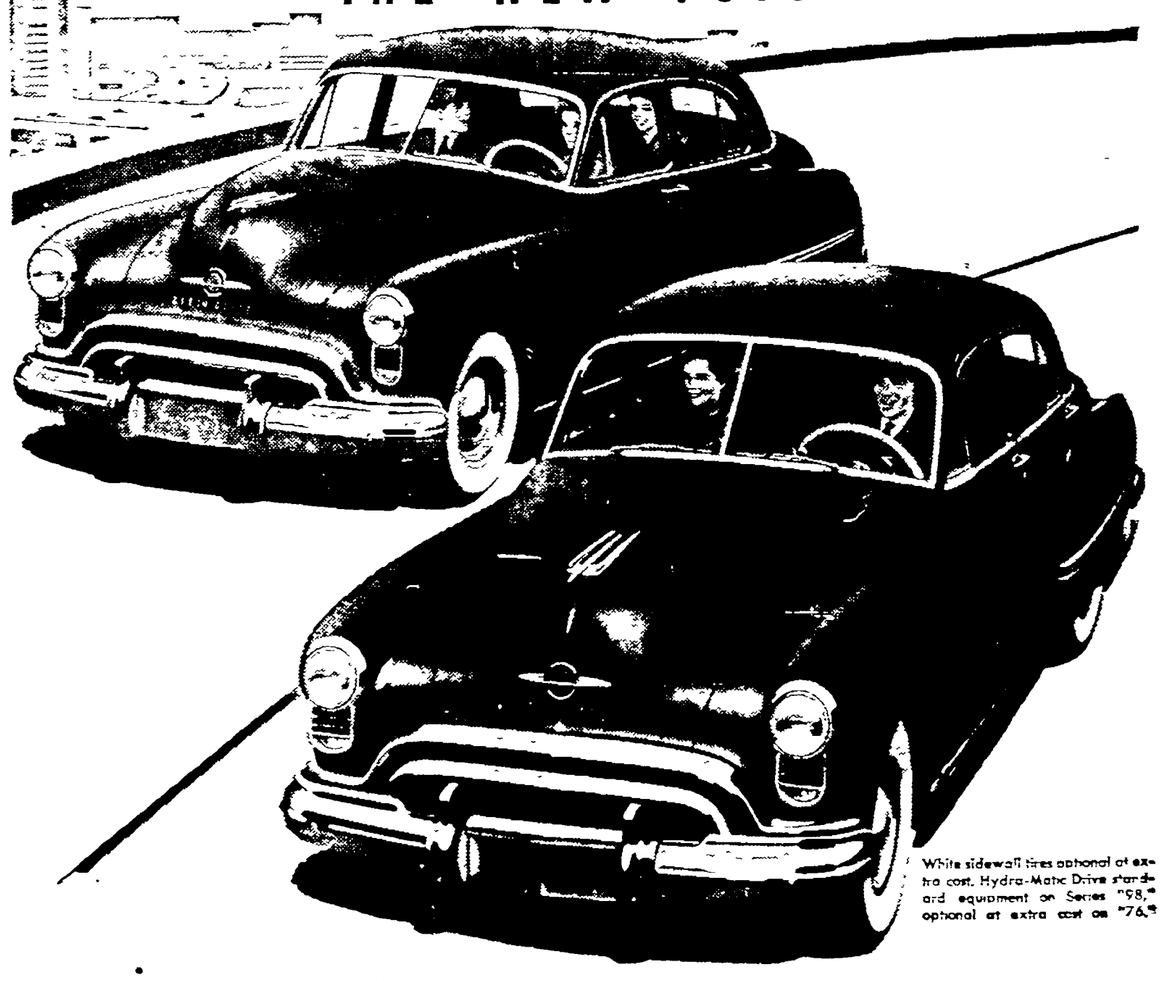

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Mr. and Mrs. George Guldin, Boyertown, Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Guldin, Boyertown RD 1, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a turkey dinner at their home on Christmas Day. They were married the day before Christmas 50 years ago by the late Rev. William Mischler in Hill Church parsonage.

The celebrants received many gifts from relatives and friends. A three-tier wedding cake, weighing 11 pounds, and decorated with gold leaves, adorned the table. Each guest received a favor.

Prayer was offered by a grandson, Richard Gulnin, Boyertown. The table centerpiece was a ring of assorted nuts, holding a large yellow candle with ivy twining around its sides. Each of the women present wore an evergreen corsage made up of red berries and a yellow gold bell.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Kauffman, Gablesville; Mr and Mrs. Lester C. Guldin and children, Richard R. and Dolores E., Boyertown; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rhoads, Marvin Rhoads, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Conrad, Walter Guldin, Lester Kauffman and the honored couple, Mr. and Mrs. George Guldin.

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GULDIN, who is 71, operated a farm in Oley until almost seven years ago He is at present employed at Bahr's sawmill, Gablesville.

Mrs. Guldin, 73, assisted her husband with farm work, and reared two children, Mildred, wife of Clarence W. Kauffman, and Lester C., besides caring for four of her husband's brother's children.

She found time, to follow her favorite hobby of cross-stitch and hardanger—a fine needlework involving the pulling of threads and re-sewing to form designs. She made dozens of pictures with various inscriptions, including the Lord's Prayer and the 23d Psalm

Mrs Guldin, bedfast the past four years, received an orchid from her husband and a large basket of mixed flowers from her two children.

MEETINGS

Boyertown Girl Scouts Troop 11 at 7 p. m. in the Reformed church.

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Boyertown Lodge 708, IOOF, at 7:30 p. m. in the IOOF hall.

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Junior Legion auxiliary at 6:30 p. m. in the Legion home.

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Auxiliary of Boyertown Post 3487, VFW, at 8 p. m. in the Keystone Fire hall.

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Boyertown Boy Scouts Troop 1 at 7 p. m. in the Lutheran church.

Dorothy Moyer Troth Announced by Father

Mr. Benjamin Moyer, Shanesville, announced the engagement of his daughter, Dorothy, to Charles Hess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Hess, Bechtelsville, over the weekend.

Miss Moyer is employed at the Boyertown Casket company. Mr. Hess is employed on the Harvey Nester farm, Bechtelsville. No date has been set for the wedding.

BETROTHAL ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. William Keely, 134 West Philadelphia avenue, recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara, to Harold Pirson, Buffalo, New York. No date has been set for the wedding.

Boyertown Classified

Deaths 1

KOCH—In Boyertown on Sunday, Dec 26, 1948, Mary G. (Grim) Koch, widow of Abraham D. Koch, aged 85. Relatives and friends are invited to services in Good Shepherd Evangelical and Reformed church, Boyertown, Friday, at 2 p m Interment in Union cemetery, Boyertown Friends may call Thursday evening between 7 and 9 o'clock at the L. W. Ott Funeral home, Warwick St., Boyertown (Ott)

SMITH — In Pottstown, on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1948 Lizzie J (Renninger) wife of Abner E Smith, age 59 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from Schwenk Funeral Home, 124 W Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown on Tuesday at 1.30 p. m. Further services in Swamp Lutheran church, New Hanover Interment in Highland Memorial Park, Pottstown Friends may call Monday evening 7 to 9 (Schwenk)

Card of Thanks 2

MOYER

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U. S. Army Secretary Kenneth Royall (above) said yesterday in Berlin that the Soviet Union has herded more than 2,000,000 Germans, including women and children, into forced labor camps in Russia. Royall said this figure is in addition to prisoners of war still held by the Russians.

DEATHS - FUNERALS

Funeral services for **DOROTHY (WELLER) MOYER**, wife of Warren R Moyer, 26 **SOUTH JEFFERSON STREET, BOYERTOWN**, were held yesterday at 2 p m from a funeral home at 124 West Philadelphia avenue, Boyertown.

Rev. Horace N. Olewiler, pastor of First Methodist church, Pottstown, and Rev. David F. Longacre, pastor of St John's Lutheran church, Boyertown, officiated

Interment was made in Mt. Zion cemetery, Pottstown.

The bearers were three brothers, Horace, Herman, and Harry Weller, and three nephews, Donald, Delmar and Douglass Weller.

FAGLEYSVILLE

Mrs. Dorothy Geisler, corr Phone Pottstown 703-J-4. J. Ernest Berghof, delivery.

The following officers were elected in the Falkner Swamp Reformed Sunday school for the year of 1949.

Robert Burns, president; Charles Yerk, vice president; Mrs. Dorothy Miller, secretary; Maxwell Wood Jr, assistant secretary; Chester Otter, librarian; James Faust, assistant librarian, Ralph J. Geisler, treasurer; Herbert B. Wagner, superintendent; Herbert Borneman and Wallace H. Leidy, assistant superintendents; Miss Mildred Wagner, pianist; Ralph J. Geisler, assistant pianist; Mrs. Wayne L. Richard, superintendent of home department; Mrs. Florence Borneman, assistant superintendent of primary department; Miss Mabel Faust, assistant superintendent, and Miss Arlene Borneman, pianist.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner, Glenside, were guests of Herbert B. Wagner and family on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mercer spent the holiday in Philadelphia as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ritter and family.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Landis spent a day with Mrs. Sara Landis and family at Jacksonville.

The following were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Seasholtz on Christmas. Mr. and Mrs Eugene Seasholtz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Webster, John and Janet Webster, Miss June Webster, Miss Janet Seasholtz and Isaac Rosenberry.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Funderwhite, of Cleveland, Ohio, visited Mr. and Mrs Warren Barrett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grebe entertained Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher and son, Robert, of Saratoga, at dinner.

The Linfield Girls' club entertained the C. E. society members at a Christmas party which was held at the Evangelical and Reformed church. Games were in charge of Mrs. Frank Rumler, Miss Bobbie Gauger and Mrs. John Grebe. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ford entertained the Rev. and Mrs. Alton P. Albright.

Mrs. C. E. Brant was hostess to the members of the Women's guild which met at her home recently. The meeting, in the form of a Christmas party, was in charge of Mrs. Ray Wells. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Charles Albert, Mrs. Frank Grebe, Mrs. B. S. Reifsnider and Mrs. John Wilson. The rooms were beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas theme, and gifts of toys, clothing, accessories to be sent to Bethany Orphans' home, Womelsdorf, were on display

The local school children are enjoying the sound pictures which are part of their educational training The sound projector was purchased by the PTA for school use.

Elroy Rupert is confined to his home with scarlet fever.

Thomas Edward, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pienta, was christened recently in St Clare's Catholic church. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mosman, of Pottstown, served as godparents. A christening dinner was held later at the Pienta home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stauffer, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stauffer and sons, Arthur and Donald, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips of Lansdowne.

Robert Landis is a patient in the Phoenixville hospital, where he has undergone an operation.

Dorothy Bauer, James and Howard Swartley and Jonathan, Richard and Patricia Albright spent a day in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Albert and grandson, Barry Miller, visited Mrs. Florence Albert of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Buchner of Schwenksville spent an evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stauffer.

The following children are on the honor roll for the second period of the school year: First grade, Stanley Novak, Robert Landis; Second grade, Joanne Chapay, Gladys Rumler, Barbara Zubert, Dale Schurr, Carl Renninger, and Stanley Stefanovicz; Third grade, Bernard Passeck and Edward Quinn; Fourth grade, Gordon Epps, Ronald Trimley and Shirley Ann Gruwell; Fifth grade, Annette Kulp, Ralph Bieber and Wallace Berkey; Sixth grade, Ramona Deery, Nancy Horner and Shirley Kuser; Seventh grade, Sandra Stepp, Shirley Renninger, Pauline Kugler and Mary Ann Alonz; Eighth grade, Richard Klick, Dorothy Bauer, Phyllis Sweetwood and Shirley Bieber

A Christmas party for the congregation of the Evangelical and Reformed church was held at the church recently. Guest artists presented several musical selections, after which carols were sung. The guests included: Rowland Lewis, violinist, Parkerford; Miss Nancy Witt, Spring City, violinist; Anne Neborak and Gwyndolyn Weikel, violinists, of Royersford; and George Brant, of Linfield, who played the guitar. Games under the direction of Miss Bobbie Gauger were played. Refreshments were served by the committee, Mrs. Philip Plotts, chairman.

The following villagers observed their birthday anniversaries the past week: Carl Leidenberger, Mrs Fred Rumler, Lee Schurr, Carl Helmle, Flora Pollak, Mrs. Maurice Linderman, Mark Horner, Emily Beroek, Jane Daub, Betty Ann Stepp, John Miller, Robert Landis Jr. and Wallace Berkey.

Scoutmaster Henry Kulp and scouts Jerry Hammel, Kenneth Hetrick and George Deery enjoyed a weekend canoe trip up the Schylkill river.

The Misses Edith Stepp, Betty Lu McMann, Mabel Renninger and Jonathan Albright were members of the chorus which sang at the recent Sunday afternoon concert in the Senior High school, Pottstown.

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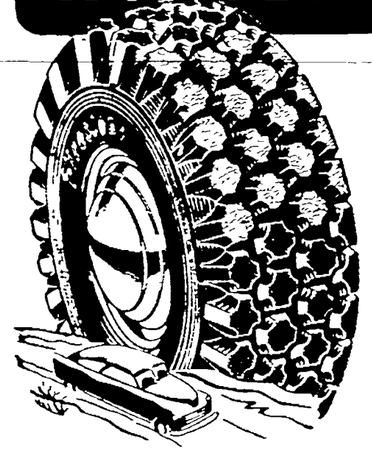

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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27 (P)—Hundred foot flames today destroyed a roller skating rink at nearby Willow Grove park and damaged two other structures

The rink, known as Skateland, burned to the ground and park manager Elmer E Foegl said it would cost about $100 000 to replace the building.

The fire also damaged a roller coaster structure and the roof of a building housing the Lost River amusement on the other side of Skateland.

Firemen said they were unable to determine the cause of the fire.

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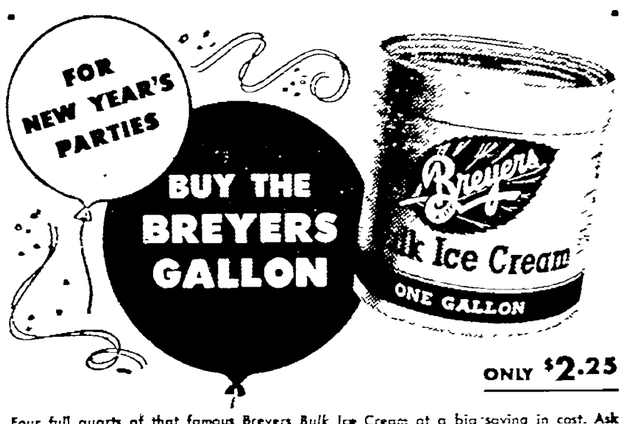

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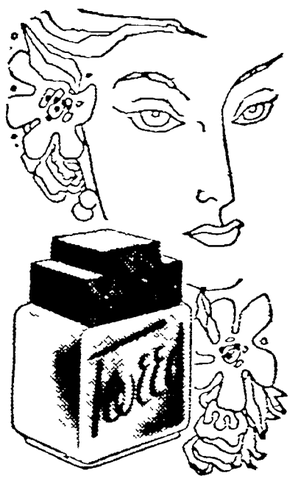

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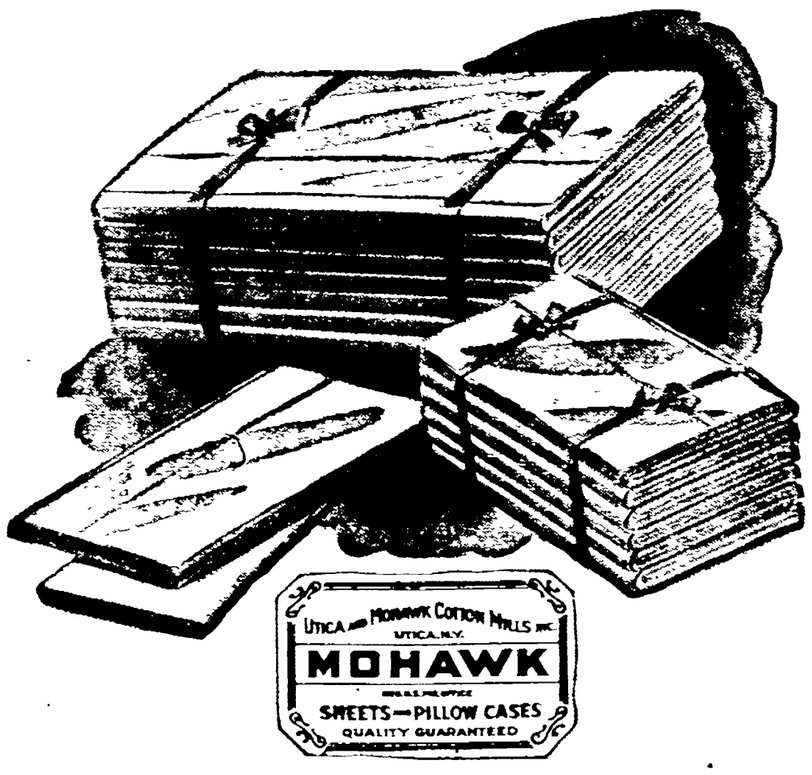

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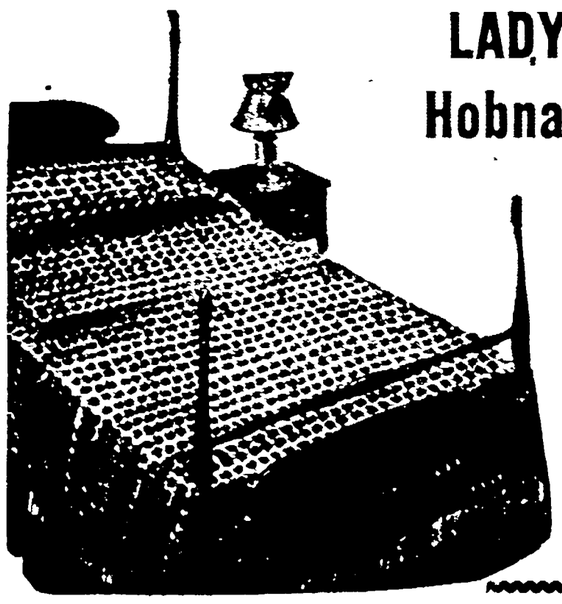

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WEDDINGS

Gleaming Decorations Lend Festive Air As 500 Dance at Green and Silver Ball

By EDTHA M. SCHAEFFER
(Mercury Society Editor)

With silver stars twinkling, with silver moons glowing and under row upon row of holly, their bright red berries gleaming, the younger set of Pottstown laughed and danced last night at the annual Green and Silver ball, sponsored by the Junior Service league.

The affair was the spiffiest splash of the many splashes the league sponsors throughout the year to earn funds for its many charitable enterprises.

By midnight, nearly 500 had crowded into every nook and cranny of the Brookside Country club for the gala Christmas week function. One entire side of the ballroom was covered with green foil from which a large number of glittering stars of silver peeped and half and quarter round moons of silver beamed.

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A NOVEL AND beautiful arrangement was the importing of an old horse-drawn sleigh into the foyer of the club from which the ticket takers received the little green and silver cards.

Preceding the dance, for which music was furnished by Ken Nichols and his orchestra, many informal suppers were held in homes throughout the borough.

Among those entertaining were Mr. and Mrs. John Howard, Miss Peggy Howard, Miss Mary Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Houck, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tyson and the children of Dr. and Mrs. Barton K. Thomas, Mr. Ed Thomas and Mrs. Duncan Randall.

For the formal ball the women looked their loveliest in either startling new frocks, or the nicest from their wardrobes.

Mrs. Herbert Maack was definitely alluring in a short cocktail length gown of black and red stripe taffeta with off the shoulder neckline. She wore a flock of red flowers in her hair, a rhinestone necklace and black accessories.

LOOKING HER USUAL pretty best was Mrs. Robert Kulp in an all black taffeta with low sweetheart neckline decorated with one large orchid. The draped hip skirt revealed black satin sandals beneath.

Miss Joan Wheeler, fiancee of Mr. Ed Thomas, chose a dark blue velvet gown of decollette neckline with long sleeves and sweeping skirt.

Rhinestone necklace and earrings set off the becoming gown of holly red crepe with draped bodice and hips chosen by Mrs. J. Evans Thomas, while Miss Mary Porter was equally charming in a wide bouffant skirt of black with gold lame bodice and stole of tulle.

Daintily dressed was Mrs. Richard Saylor in a white lace bodice with full chiffon skirt twirling over a slip of blue satin, while Mrs. Earl Keiser was equally striking in a black taffeta designed with swishy skirt parted in the front to set off a large striped taffeta bow that matched the short bodice held up by two tiny straps.

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A DELIGHTFUL DRESS of green velvet with fitted basque bodice attached to a very full skirt was chosen by Miss Rita Reese. With this she chose a rhinestone pendant and gold sandals.

Mrs. Donald Bartman danced past in a black crepe gown with insets of pink covered with black lace at the bodice, and matching mitts. Stunning was Mrs. Whitney Saunders in an ink blue taffeta strapless with matching accessories.

Gleaming pink satin highlighted the gown of black chiffon worn by Mrs. Irvin Kochel. It was designed with square neckline outlined with satin insets about the bodice.

A black crepe bodice that buttoned down the back topped the very full skirt of light blue taffeta chosen by Mrs. James Ely. Mrs. Lawrence smiled and laughed in an ice blue brocade with wide bertha collar outlining the decollete neckline. The gown was completed with wide hoop skirt.

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MRS DONALD Goodnow was attractive in a draped chiffon of deep rose held up with two wide straps. Rhinestone necklace and earrings completed the lovely effect. Mrs. Kenneth Tyson was pleasingly attractive in a printed jersey bodice over white crepe skirt.

Envious eyes followed Mrs. Richard King as she walzed about the ballroom in a Paris original of electric hue with plunging neckline and slim fitted skirt. Silver sequins winked from advantageous points on the frock.

Quite sophisticated was Miss Hannie Ludwick in all black moire with skirt draped across the hips to form a huge bustle bow in the back. Just the tiniest bit of lace edged the deep low boat neckline.

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A LIGHT PINK chiffon of strapless design and very full skirt was chosen by Mrs. Herbert Houck to harmonize with her short blonde page boy bob. With this she wore tear drop pearl earrings and single strand necklace.

In ice blue satin with front hip drape and a single rhinestone clip at the sweetheart neckline looked exceptionally well on Mrs. John Wanger. Rhinestone earrings were at her ears and satin sandals covered the dancing feet.

Miss Anne Kurtz chose a dainty gown of peach organdy with illusion neckline and very full skirt; Mrs. Richard Weikel was in a halter necklined gown of lavendar. Two cherry red back pleats added a touch of bewitching interest at the back.

In red taffeta of unusual design was Mrs. William O. Cunningham. It was strapless with tiny halter strap and bouffant skirt that draped to the back for the newest of new looks.

There wre many many more beautiful gowns, of elegant color and sweeping designs, and all were on women made beautiful for the first dance of Christmas week.

HOSPITALS

POTTSTOWN

Admitted: Betty Jane Henson, Douglassville, surgical; Richard Thornton, 409 Lincoln avenue, medical; Fred Smith, 323 Chestnut street, medical, Eleanor Kyle, Boyertown RD 2, surgical, Chris E. Ladas, 205 South Hanover street, surgical; Annie Linderman, 525 Beech street, medical.

Discharged: Mrs. Dorothy Monaghan, 321 High street, maternity; Roy Dowling, Royersford, surgical.

Admitted and discharged: Louise Rutter, Hanover Heights, surgical.

MEMORIAL

Admitted: Joan Fontana, Stowe, medical; Mrs. Grace Malen, Penn Village, maternity; Pamela Bauer, Boyertown, surgical; Etta Shirey, Boyertown, medical, Nicola Esposito, 364 Cherry street, medical; Winfield Birckhead, Hildale, medical; Robert Evans, Spring Mount, surgical; Ronald T. Hampton, Schwenkville, medical; Mrs. Edith Feinstermacher, Spring Mount, surgical; Mrs. Grace Swenson, Boyertown, surgical, Mrs. Minnie Sands, Boyertown, surgical; A. Otley Murray, Pottstown RD 2, surgical.

Discharged: Sallie Karsnitz, 517 North Franklin street, medical; Mary A. Canceliere, Stowe, surgical; Irving Sands, Boyertown, surgical; Carl Kehl, Pottstown RD 3, medical.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

AT THIS time moderate activity ought to be indulged in, so long as it is not overdone. Vocational affairs should prosper throughout the next year, and your success depends mostly on your own attitude and conduct.

Today

Elsie Mae Seasholtz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Seasholtz, 116 South Hanover street, aged 15 years.

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Mrs. Sol E. Renninger, Limerick.

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Sallie Geary, Bliem road, aged nine years.

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Margaret Marie Psota daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Psota, 543 Chestnut street.

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Kenneth Weber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Weber, 139 Chestnut street.

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James Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis, 29 Scott street, Penn Village.

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Mona Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cook, Birdsboro RD 2.

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Doris Stock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stock, Douglassville RD 2.

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Shirley Ann Nester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Nester, 875 Queen street.

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Thomas Stoltch son of Mr. and Mrs. John Eisinger, 427 Walnut street.

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Mrs. Norman Heydt, New Berlinville.

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George Martin Schaeffer, son of Mr and Mrs. John G. Schaeffer, Laurel Locks farm, aged 16 years.

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George Allan Stevens, son of Mr and Mrs George Stevens, 259 Queen street, aged one year.

Recently

Mrs. Sara Jane Whisler, 523 Chestnut street.

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Shirley Nester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Shelton Nester, 875 Queen street, aged eight years.

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John R. Marino, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marino, 645 Chestnut street, aged four years.

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Kenneth Richard Brunner, 637 Lemon street, Stowe.

Social Calendar

Private Duty Nurses of Pottstown area— Meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the nurses' home of the Pottstown hospital.

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Ladies' Aid of St. Peter's Lutheran church, Stowe— Box luncheon and Christmas party tonight at 8 o'clock in the O of IA building.

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Lady Owls— Meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the O of IA building.

In Fashion's 'Top Ten' for 1948

Among the ten best dressed women for 1948, chosen in a national poll conducted by the New York Dress Institute, are Mrs. William Randolph Hearst Jr. (left) and Mrs. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt. More than 150 fashion designers, society and fashion editors were polled. Both Mrs. Hearst Jr., and Mrs. Vanderbilt were high on the list.

Miss Betty Jane Bailey Wed on Christmas Day

In a simple impressive ceremony performed on Christmas day, Miss Betty Jane Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Bailey, Pottstown RD 3 became the bride of Mr. Robert Irvin Beekley, son of Mrs. Ada Beekley, 62 South Hanover street.

The Rev. Howard A. Kosman, pastor of Zion's Reformed church, performed the ceremony in the church at 12:30 o'clock in the presence of close friends and immediate relatives.

The couple will reside at the home of the bridegroom for the present.

LADY OWLS PARTY

A Christmas party and covered dish social will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the O of IA building by the Lady Owls of Pottstown. Gifts valued at $1 will be exchanged and Mrs. Bertha Mort, president, will be in charge.

Century Club To Meet For Youth Program

The youth conservation committee will be in charge of the program of the Century club tomorrow afternoon when they meet in library hall at 2:15 o'clock.

Mrs. Lucile Wade Williams will be the speaker, using as her topic, "In This Way Only Shall We Mold Our Tomorrow."

Members of the committee include Mrs. John Suydam, Mrs. E. Ernest Kulp, Mrs. John B. Ziegler, Mrs. Karl S. Johnson, Mrs. Bayard Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Caroll S. Rutter, Mrs. Robert G. Weller, Mrs. Lottie Dieroff, Mrs. Harry J. Loughney, Mrs. William S. Hoar, Mrs. Russell R. Tyson and Mrs. J. Robert Gray.

MORE SOCIAL NEWS ON PAGE TWELVE

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Masleh, Penn Village, announce the birth of a son yesterday in Memorial hospital.

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On Christmas a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Knepp, Pottstown RD 4, in Memorial hospital.

Two Guests Entertained At Christmas Meeting

Two guests attended a Christmas meeting of the Women of the Moose recently in the Moose home, Mrs. Laura Pfaff, graduate dean of the college of Regents and Mrs. Pearl Pullman.

During the business session, it was announced that the Pottstown chapter would be hostess to the college on January 23.

The birthday committee for the next meeting, Jan. 13 are: Mrs. Helen Egolf, Mrs. Gladys Burns, Mrs. Anna Achach and Mrs. Ethel Galloway.

Pig-in-the-boxes were won by Mrs. Edna Fredd, Mrs. Bessie Symons, Mrs. Anna Konnich and Mrs. Pearl Bernhart.

Later the group held their party with a gift exchange and refreshments served.

Stork Shower Is Staged For Mrs. Ralph Chieffo

A stork shower was held last night in the home of Mrs. John Murphy, 531 Beech street, in honor of Mrs. Ralph Chieffo, 444 High street.

Mrs. Helen Sites acted as cohostess.

The room was decorated in pink and white, and the table was centered with gifts which were attached to pink and blue streamers falling from a chandelier.

Refreshments were served to the following guests:

Mrs. Kitty Wack, Mrs. Ruth Fleischman, Mrs. Honore Murphy, Mrs. Frances Biehl, Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, Mrs. Agnes Chieffo and Miss Betty Baro.

Betrothals of Many Area Girls Announced By Parents Over Gay Christmas Holiday

That old proverb about good things coming in small packages proved to be true for a number of local lassies who became engaged over the Christmas holidays.

Whether the traditional engagement ring came as a surprise or whether it was carefully selected by the future little woman, Christmas of 1948 will hold a special place in the hearts of many newly-betrothed boys and girls of the Pottstown area.

Stelz—O'Dell

The engagement of Miss Vivian Stelz, Ringing Rocks, was announced on Christmas day at a family dinner by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levan Stelz, to Mr. Donald O'Dell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George O'Dell, 966 High street.

Miss Stelz is a graduate of Pottstown High school and is employed in the Dames insurance agency, while Mr. O'Dell was graduated from the same high school and is employed by the Culligan Soft Water service.

Boughter—Oliver

At a Christmas day dinner the engagement of Miss Rose Marie Boughter and Mr. Linwood Oliver was announced by Miss Boughter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Spatz, 445 Chestnut street.

Mr. Oliver is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hanley Oliver, 974 North Hills Boulevard. The wedding date will be revealed later.

Miss Boughter is attending Pottstown High school, while the bridegroom is a graduate of the same high school and is employed with Sanders and Thomas, Inc.

Weinsteiger—Riegner

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weinsteiger, Bechtelsville RD, announce the betrothal of their daughter, Gertruce, to Mr. Titus Riegner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Riegner, Bally.

Both of the couple was graduated from Boyertown High school. The bride-to-be is employed at B. Maimon Clothing factory, Boyertown, and Mr. Riegner is connected with the C. H. Zern company, Gilbertsville.

The wedding date will be revealed in the near future.

Breslawski—Weiner

A family Christmas dinner was the scene of the announcement of the engagement of Miss Anna Breslawski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Breslawski, 141 Vine street, Stowe, and Mr. Louis Weiner, 124 South Evans street, son of Mrs. Anna Weiner, Kulpmont.

Miss Breslawski was graduated from the West Pottsgrove High school and is employed at the Iris Knitting Mills. Mr. Weiner is employed at the Bethlehem Steel corporation, after serving for 27 months in the Navy.

Yerger—Nester

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Yerger, Sumneytown, announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Arline, to Mr. J. Norman Nester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nester, Jefferson street, East Greenville.

The announcement was made at a family dinner on Christmas day, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Yerger. The wedding date will be revealed in the near future.

Hamel—Ginder

The betrothal of Miss Mildred A. Hamel and Mr. Brooke E. Ginder was announced on Christmas day at the home of Miss Hamel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hamel, 37 West Fourth street.

Mr. Ginder is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ginder, Pottstown RD 3.

Miss Hamel is employed at the Vaughan's Knitting company and Mr. Ginder is employed at the Manatawny Service station, after serving for two and a half years in the Army.

Keifrider—Fink

Another Christmas day betrothal was that of Miss Jane Russell Keifrider and Mr. Paul Fink. The announcement was made at a Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Keifrider, Boyertown, parents of Miss Keifrider.

Mr. Fink is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fink, New Berlinville. The wedding date will be revealed in the near future.

Effrig—Nosia

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Effrig, 174 North Washington street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Violet, to Mr. Joseph Nosia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bertalan Nosia, 250 Mill street, Phoenixville.

The engagement was announced at a Christmas eve party held in the Effrig home.

Miss Effrig was graduated from

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MORNING

Time	KYW NBC 1060 K	WCAU CBS 1210 K	WFIL ABC 560 K	WIP MBS 610 K
6:00	Morning Salute	Jamboree	Farmer Jones	Dawn Patrol
6:15	News	"	"	News Music
6:30	Morning Salute	Rural Digest	"	Dawn Patrol
6:45	"	Amos Kirby	"	News
7:00	Musical Clock	News, Weather	LeRoy Miller	Mac McGuire
7:15	News; Music	Bugle Call	"	Comedy
7:30	Musical Clock	"	News; Weather	News Mac
7:45	"	J. Raleigh, News	LeRoy Miller	McGuire
8:00	Musical Clock	Bugle Call	Newsical Clock	MacMcGuire
8:15	"	"	"	News
8:30	"	"	"	Mac
8:45	"	"	Morning Extra	McGuire
9:00	Ruth Welles	Cinderella	Breakfast Club	News
9:15	"	Weekend	"	Chatter Bar
9:30	U S Navy Band	Hollywood	"	"
9:45	The Little Show	Theatre	"	School Choir
10:00	Fred Waring	Let's Have Fun	My True Story	Keys to Happ'ss
10:15	"	Asco Rings	"	News
10:30	Road of Life	Arthur Godfrey	Hymns	Request Time
10:45	The Brighter Day	"	More of Life	Phila. Favorites
11:00	Nora Drake	Arthur Godfrey	Kay Kyser	Kitchen Kapers
11:15	Love and Learn	"	Kollege	Tiny Ruffner
11:30	Jack Berch	Oreigh'n Stewart	Ted Malone	Gabriel Heatter
11:45	Lora Lawton	Rosemary	Consolo's Capers	Victor Lindlahr

AFTERNOON

Time	KYW	WCAU	WFIL	WIP
12:00	William Wilson	W Warren: News	Welcome	Kate Smith
12:15	Lunchtimers	Aunt Jenny	Travelers	"
12:30	"	Helen Trent	Sleepy Hollow	News
12:45	News	Our Gal Sunday	Gang; News	Harmony Rang's
1:00	Melody Magic	Big Sister	Anything Goes	Harry James
1:15	"	Ma Perkins	Music	Passing Parade
1:30	Ruth Welles	Dr Malone	Alice Ives	Melodic Moods
1:45	Something Old	Guiding Light	"	Do Re Mi
2:00	Double or	2nd Mrs Burton	Norman Black	Queen for a Day
2:15	Nothing	Perry Mason	Fit to Listen	"
2:30	Today's Children	Nora Drake	Bride & Groom	Golden Hope
2:45	Light of World	Evelyn Winters	"	Chest
3:00	Life Beautiful	David Harum	Ladies Be Seated	Try-Out
3:15	Ma Perkins	Hilltop House	"	Milton Starr
3:30	Pepper Young	House Party	Galen Drake	The Happy Gang
3:45	Right to Hap'ss	"	Listen to This	"
4:00	Backstage Wife	Hint Hunt	Here's Howard	News
4:15	Stella Dallas	"	"	Melody Matinee
4:30	Lorenzo Jones	Oreigh'n Stewart	"	"
4:45	Widder Brown	Story of the Day	"	Memory Lane
5:00	When Girl Weds	Your Lucky	Green Hornet	Adventure
5:15	Portia Faces Life	Strike	"	Superman
5:30	Just Plain Bill	Spotlight Show	Sky King	Capt Midnight
5:45	David Farrell	Scott Quintet	"	Tom Mix

EVENING

Time	KYW	WCAU	WFIL	WIP
6:00	W. R. Wilson	J Reeves, news	Magic Lady	Uncle Wip
6:15	H. Robert Sports	Sports; Weather	Bing Crosby	Johnson Family
6:30	As You Like It	Mike Mysteries	John Kennedy	Stoney McLinn
6:45	Three Star Extra	Lowell Thomas	Moorehead	Ray Bloch
7:00	Supper Club	Beulah	News; Spinners	Unseen Advisor
7:15	News	Jack Smith	Sanctum	News
7:30	Harmony Hall	Club 15	Relaxin' Time	Variety Hall
7:45	Show Time	Edward Murrow	"	Inside of Sports
8:00	This Is Your	Mystery Theatre	Sumner Welles	George O'Hanlon
8:15	Life	"	Earl Godwin	Show
8:30	A Date With	Mr and Mrs	Town Meeting	Official
8:45	Judy	North	"	Detective
9:00	Bob Hope	We the People	Town Meeting	Gabriel Heatter
9:15	"	"	"	Singin' Sam
9:30	Fibber McGee	Life with Luigi	News	Lone Wolf
9:45	and Molly	"	Symphony Music	"
10:00	Big Town	Hit the Jackpot	Symphony Music	Forum of the Air
10:15	"	"	"	"
10:30	People Are	Mo'ey Amsterdam	Beloved Music	John Facenda
10:45	Funny	Show	Red Feather	Fulton Lewis
11:00	News	Al Taylor	News	C'mon 'n Dance
11:15	Morton Downey	Powers Gouraud	Duke Ellington	"
11:30	Radio Night	Guy Lombardo	Show	"
11:45	Club	Orchestra	"	"
12 p.m.	Caravan; Anth'y	News; Orchestra	Sports; News	Bandwagon

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

QUEEN WILHELMINA, who laid aside her crown in the Netherlands after fifty years of rule, ascended the throne at the age of ten. Observing the throng who turned out to watch her coronation in 1898, the youthful Wilhelmina asked her mother, the Regent, "Mama, do all these thousands of people belong to me?" "No, my daughter," replied her mother, "It is you who belong to all these thousands of people."

Queen Wilhelmina never forgot this episode. That is one reason why she was the best-loved monarch of her time.

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Two old men sat in the sun in a very poor section of Chicago. "Such news in the paper," complained one. "War scares, inflation, strikes, murders! It's enough to make a man wish he'd never been born."

"That's right," agreed the other. "But who has such luck? Not one in a hundred thousand."

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

The Luck of The Lead

WHETHER you make your contract or whether it is defeated does not always depend on what the contract is. It may be determined by the uncontrolled matter of which defender has the lead. If it is one man, he may open a certain suit. If it is his partner, a different suit will get attacked. With one lead, your contract may be a sure thing, but with the other is may be impossible. Those imponderables show up frequently in duplicate tournaments and are part of the reason why weaker players enjoy that style of game. They occasionally get a top score against experts through just such hidden factors.

North: ♠ K 10 9 4 2 ♥ Q J 10 2 ♦ 10 3 2 ♣ A
West: ♠ Q 7 6 ♥ A K 8 6 3 ♦ K 7 ♣ Q 7 5
East: ♠ J 8 5 ♥ 7 ♦ A Q 9 6 ♣ K J 8 6 2
South: ♠ A 3 ♥ 9 5 4 ♦ J 8 5 4 ♣ 10 9 4 3

(Dealer: West. East-West vulnerable.)

	West	North	East	South
1.	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
	3 NT			
2	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
	3 NT			

Who can say that the bidding at Table 2 was better than that at Table 1? It had one advantage in that it kept the diamond suit concealed, but then the bidding at the first table was more informative to the partner and might have uncovered a diamond fit if West's hand had been different. But, since diamonds were not led in either case, the question of bidding them had no influence on the final result.

Where South was the leader the contract was made, and where North led it was beaten. South's lead was the short-suit heart 9, based on the idea that, if East would not support a rebid major, North must be well fixed in the suit — not too bad logic. East won that in dummy and led a club. North of course won and switched to spades. But East stopped the third round and went on to collect a total of four tricks in clubs, three in diamonds, two in hearts and one in spades to have an extra trick.

Where North led, a spade was selected. Note how that and spade continuances caused the suit to be set up before the club A as a reentry was removed from North. That lead of course beat the contract a trick.

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Tomorrow's Problem

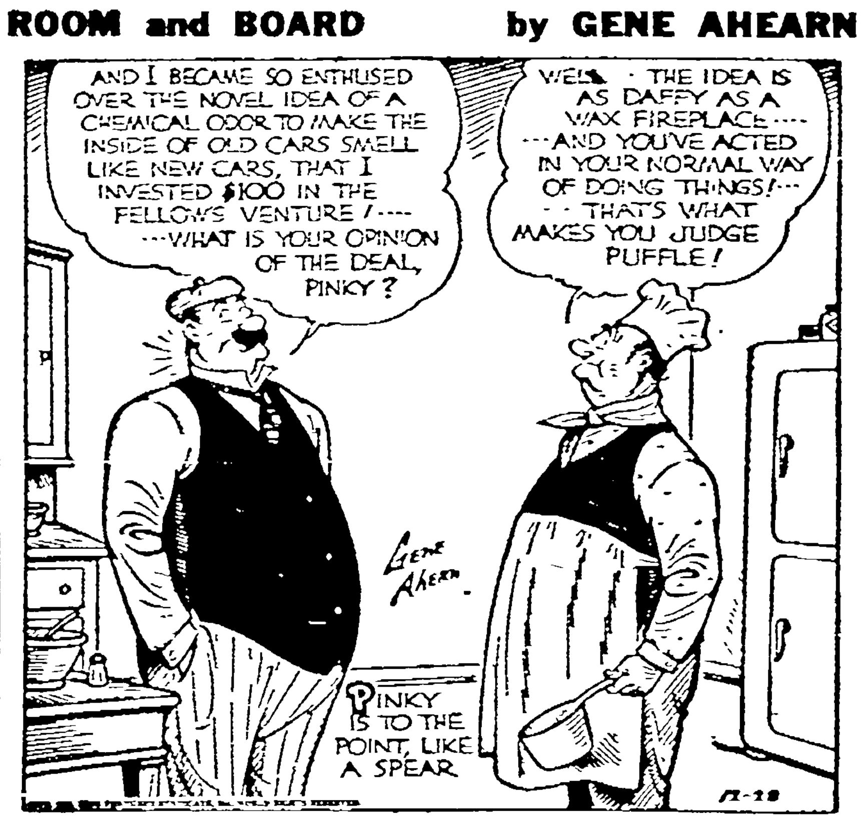
North: ♠ 8 6 3 ♥ Q J 10 3 2 ♦ 7 4 ♣ K 8 7
West: ♠ A K Q 4 2 ♥ K 9 6 ♦ A K 2 ♣ Q 2
East: ♠ J 10 ♥ 8 5 4 ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ A J 10 6 5
South: ♠ 9 7 5 ♥ A 7 ♦ Q J 9 8 5 ♣ 9 4 3

(Dealer: West. East-West vulnerable.)

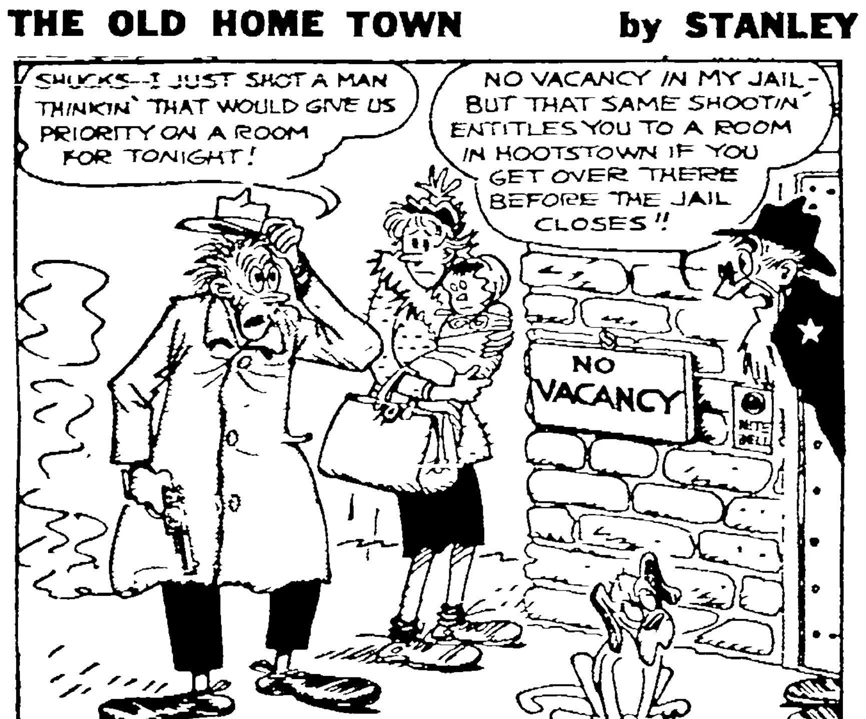
With a Diamond lead against 3-No Trumps would you in the West try the club finesse in rubber bridge? Would you in match-point duplicate if you had a good score to that point?

IT'S QUEER BUT TRUE

ROOM and BOARD by GENE AHEARN



THE OLD HOME TOWN by STANLEY



TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. Smart
5. Give up, as land
9. Queen of heaven (Gr. myth.)
10. Thin
11. A hoarder
12. Musical instrument
14. High (mus.)
15. A shade of blue
17. Cobalt (sym.)
18. Honey-gathering insect
19. Malt beverage
20. Corroded
21. Tatters
23. A canal, N. Europe
24. Spain (abbr.)
26. To rent under lease
28. Dysprosium (sym.)
29. Support
31. A large cistern
33. Steal
34. Genus of pinaceous trees
35. Constellation
38. Avenue (abbr.)
39. Burden
40. Present time
41. Whole amount
43. Emerge
45. Spirit
46. Tidy
47. Kind of bird (W. Indies)
48. Scottish-Gaelic

DOWN
1. So. Am. republic
2. Girl's name
3. Anger
4. Great slaughter
5. A spice
6. Weird (var.)
7. Loose-hanging point
8. Performed
11. Queen of the fairies
13. Christmas songs
16. White-friars, London
20. Sloth
22. Lofty mountain
23. Know (Scot.)
24. Small sea-fish
25. University administrative officer
27. Young of the pilchard
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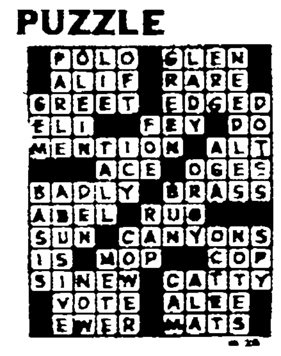

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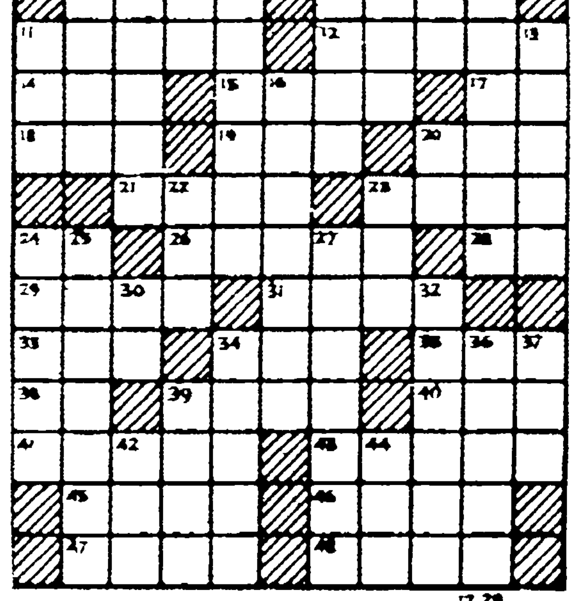

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

OBC CRE LV JNZC NH DQCPVPRO DQPJCV, OBC CRE NH OCRECT UNTEV PRE HPJCV—VULRAKTRC.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WE WERE TO DO MORE BUSINESS AFTER DINNER; BUT AFTER DINNER IS AFTER DINNER—SWIFT.

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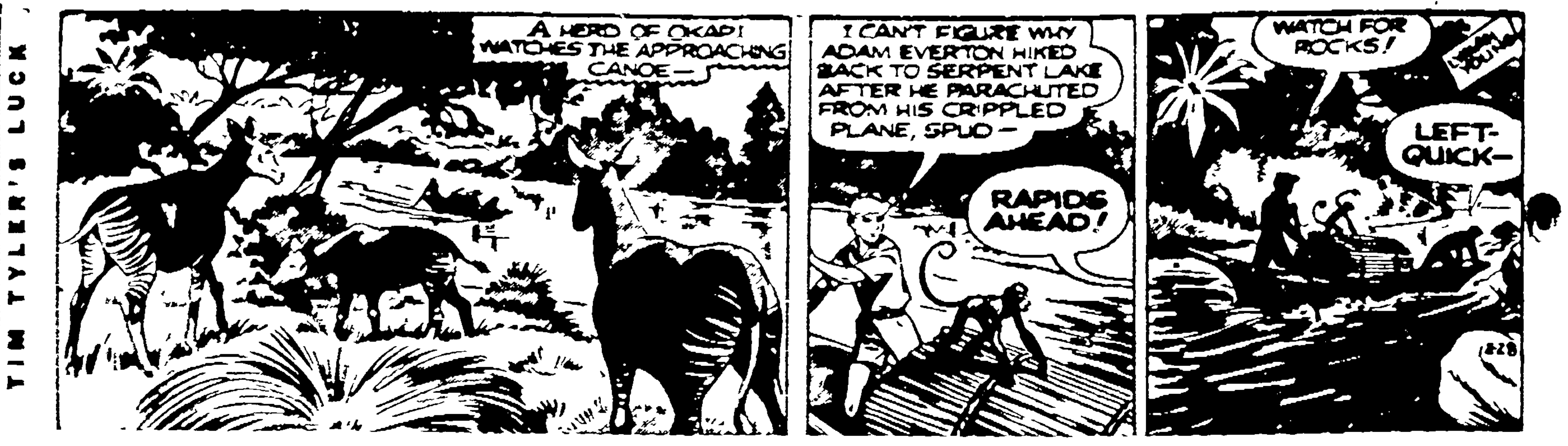

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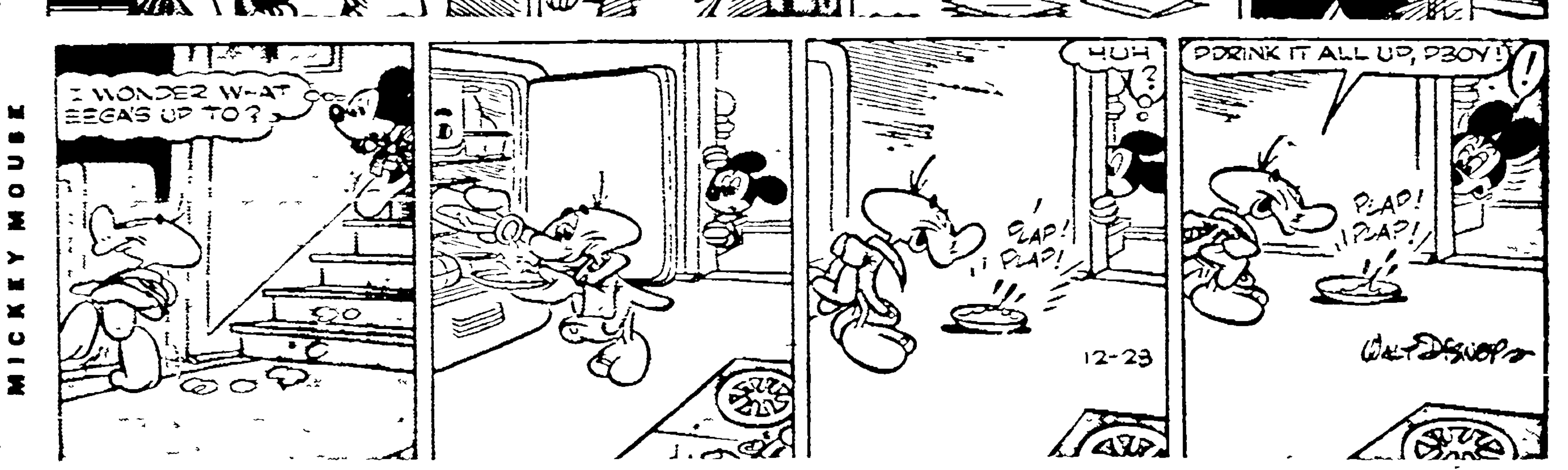

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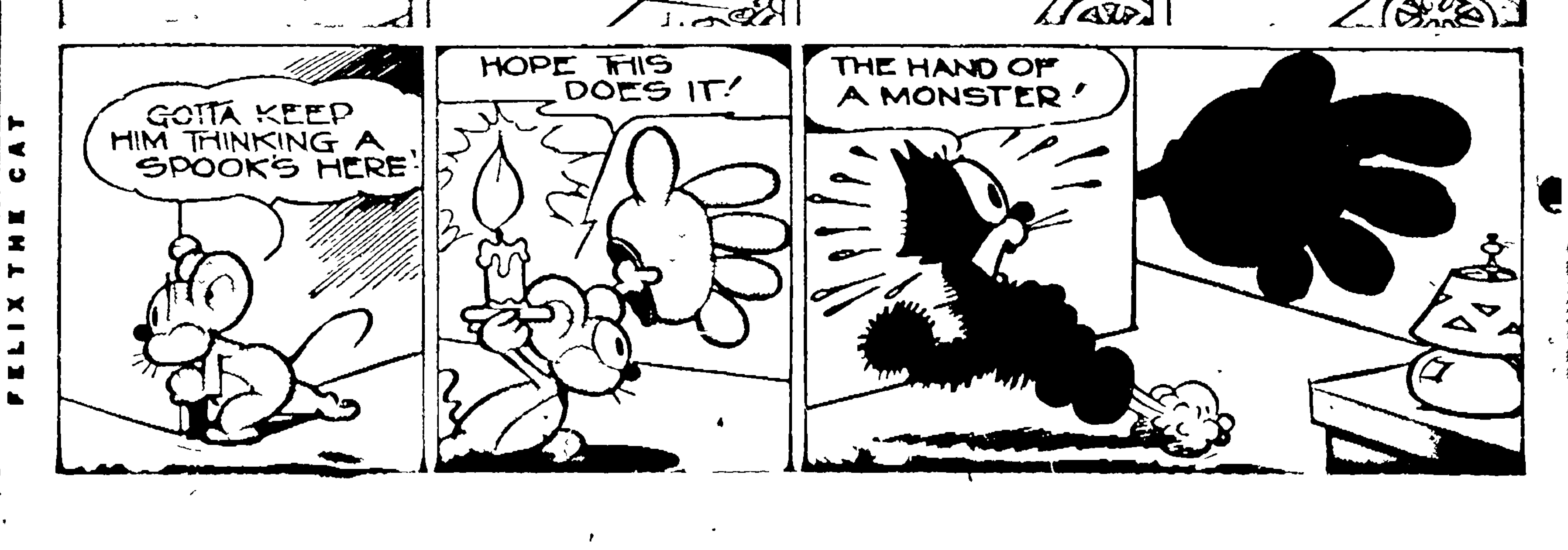

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7 Former PHS Captains on Alumni Squad

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Golden Bears Backfield Warms Up for Wildcats

Quartet of backs which will try to run the Northwestern Wildcat line ragged in the Rose Bowl game New Year's Day warms up on the home grounds at Berkeley, Calif. From left are Jackie Jensen, Jack Swaner, Dick Erickson and Billy Main.

Bears Arrive In Pasadena For Rose Bowl

PASADENA, Calif., Dec 27 (AP)—The Tournament of Roses rolled out the welcome carpet for the California football squad today, but the weatherman got his signals crossed and the team—and the carpet—got soaked by rain.

With the Northwestern university gridders already on the scene of the Big Nine-Coast conference game New Year's Day, today's arrival completed the Rose Bowl picture.

Lynn Waldorf, coach of the California team, was hardly pleased with the downpour but smiled: "If you think this is bad, you should see what we had at Berkeley."

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TOURNAMENT dignitaries and Rose Queen Virginia Bower, with her court of six young co-eds, greeted the Golden Bears. Then the squad left by busses for Riverside, 60 miles east of here, to finish out the week's final drills.

Fullback Jackie Jensen, star of the Berkeley outfit—said: "The team is higher in spirit for Northwestern than for any contest this season."

Asked if this applied to their traditional rival, Stanford, the 195-pound player replied: "Yes, we were nervous before that one." California edged out the Stanfords, 7-6, to keep its unblemished record intact.

Later Waldorf met Young Bob Voigts coach of the Wildcats, at the football writers weekly luncheon in Los Angeles. "Hi, teacher," was Voight's first crack. Voigts, 32, played under Waldorf at Northwestern in 1936-37-38.

Three Crowns Down Warwick Five, 72-55

With Jack Baird accounting for 26 points, the Three Crowns basketball team romped over Warwick by a 72-55 score last night in an exhibition game in the Warwick High gymnasium.

Baird poured 13 field goals through the hoops for the Three Crowns, while John Celani chipped in with 17 points.

The Pottstonians built up a commanding 36-15 halftime lead and then stopped two Warwick rallies in the second half to win.

In the preliminary tussle, the Three Crowns "B" team defeated the Warwick reserves, 25-13. Yerger led the localites with nine points via four field goals and a foul.

Three Crowns	G	F	P	Warwick	G	F	P
Baird, f	13	0	26	Wynn, f	4	0	8
Pegler, f	5	0	10	Kratz, f	2	1	5
Becker, c	4	4	12	Strock, f	1	0	2
Celani, g	8	1	17	Steitz, c	9	4	22
Ludwig, g	2	0	4	Beostel, g	4	1	9
				Faringer, f	4	1	9
Totals	32	6	72	Totals	24	7	55

Score by periods:

Three Crowns	16	20	13	23—72
Warwick	7	8	20	20—55

COLTS WORK WITH A'S

PHILADELPHIA Dec 27 (AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics and Youngstown Colts of the Middle Atlantic league have signed a working agreement for 1949.

Basketball SCORES

COLLEGIATE

Utah 78, St. Joseph's 54.
LaSalle 76, Louisville 71
Lewerence Tech 45, Colorado State 43
Bradley 69, St. Mary's of California 58
Duquesne 53, Rutgers 43
Buffalo 65, Lafayette 59
Carnegie Tech 63, St. Vincent 39
Ohio State 66, Denver 57.
Western Kentucky 65, Canisius 55
Youngstown 57, Mt. Union 50
NYU 76, Yale 67

PACIFIC COAST TOURNAMENT

Stanford 70, Oregon 62
UCLA 54, Washington State 46

ALL-COLLEGE TOURNAMENT

Baylor 59, Auburn 44.
Long Island 69, Rice 66
Notre Dame 51, Purdue 50
Oklahoma A&M 47, Texas Tech 26

BIG SEVEN TOURNAMENT

Iowa State 56, Harvard 54
Kansas State 48, Nebraska 34

Edwards Steps Out As Redskins Coach

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Albert Glen "Turk" Edwards today stepped out as coach of the Washington pro football Redskins, and moved into the newly-created job of Redskin executive vice president.

No one was named to succeed Edwards, but the gossip included Paul "Bear" Bryant of Kentucky. He used to coach at nearby Maryland, and is a great friend of the Redskins. Furthermore, he was in town today, although no one would say whether this had any connection with the new Redskin opening.

Frank Leahy of Notre Dame. It's reported the Redskins wouldn't mind having Leahy head their staff, which is understandable. But it's also reported that Leahy doesn't want to leave Notre Dame, which also is understandable.

Paul Brown of the Cleveland Browns. Just how he got into the gossip isn't plain, except that it's well known that Redskin owner George Preston Marshall admires the way Brown operates.

At any rate, one curious thing came out of today's announcement. As executive vice-president (the Redskins already have a president, a general manager, a business manager, a manager of ticket sales and a four-man board of directors), Edwards will have a hand in naming his successor.

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EDWARDS HIMSELF announced the change, at a press conference. He said he thought the task of signing players and of coaching them had become too large to chore and should be separated.

In answer to a question, Edwards said giving up the job he had held for three years was his own idea. No, he said, he hadn't quit because of any pressure.

And the record would seem to bear him out. For the Redskins had had a minor rehabilitation this year, winning seven and losing five on their way to second place in the Eastern division of the National Football league.

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THIS IS IN contrast to the 1947 season when Edwards (and the Redskins) had the worst report card in their history. Four victories, eight defeats.

The big, likable Edwards has long been a Redskin mainstay. He joined the team in 1932, when it was located in Boston.

After a bad knee ended his playing career, he took over as an assistant coach in 1940.

Funny thing about that knee. It had been bothering Turk, but he had been getting by okay. The one day, just before a game, he went out for the pre-game, coin-flipping ceremony.

He whirled to return to the bench—and the knee gave up for keeps!

Gar Wood Retires, Will Not Defend Speedboat Trophy

DETROIT Dec 27—Gar Wood today made it official—he is out of speedboat racing and will not defend the Harmsworth trophy.

In a formal statement, the speedboat king said:

Gar Wood

"I am not going to defend the Harmsworth trophy that I worked so hard for and prized so much.

"Miss America X (winner of the last Harmsworth race in 1933) was the last of the Americas. There will never be another built by me."

Wood said that if a race is held here next Summer as now appears likely he would "like to be godfather of the American team if the powers in charge see fit to grant me that privilege."

Of his reasons for retiring, he said:

"First, a man of my age, 68, should have better sense than to drive in a major event of this kind: I have had enough thrills to last me a lifetime."

"Secondly, I would just as soon retire as champion. Let some one else win for a change. I would rather have it that way."

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A CHALLENGE for the Harmsworth trophy, symbolizing the world's unlimited speedboat championship has been expected from Ernie Wilson, of Ingersoll, Ont., with a new Miss Canada. The deadline for filing the challenge is Jan 1.

It has been understood in speedboat racing circles that if Wilson files a challenge, others possibly from South Africa and Italy may be forthcoming.

Wood first won the trophy in Europe in 1920 and successfully defenced it eight times with his series of Miss Americas.

16 Family Cage Teams Entered in Tournament

WILSON N. C., Dec 27 (AP)—Twelve hours of play will open the sixth annual National Family Basketball tournament here tomorrow.

Sixteen teams from nine states will compete in the round-the-clock first day's program. Action begins shortly before noon with the first of eight games. The curtain won't be lowered until shortly before midnight at the Atlantic Christian college gymnasium.

The Clark Twins of Huntington, Ind., will defend the title they won in 1947. The third-place team of last year, the High Point, N. C., Hartleys, is back with the oldest player in the tournament — 61-year-old Pop Hartley.

One change was announced today in the tourney setup. The Harris team of Oak Ridge, Tenn., is unable to make the trip due to illness in the family. It has been replaced by another Tennessee aggregation — the Ratchfords of Chattanooga.

SEEDERS PICKS 15 CAGERS FOR TROJAN GAME

Alumni and Schoolboys Clash Tomorrow in Annual ABC Benefit Tussle

Jerry Seeders, coach of the Pottstown High Alumni basketball team, last night named seven former Trojan captains on his squad for tomorrow night's annual ABC benefit game with Coach Ed Good's high school cagers.

All proceeds from the game will go into the ABC's fund for Memorial park. The ABC project is to raise enough money to install drinking fountains at the new park.

The former Pottstown High captains named to the Alumni squad by Seeders are: Woody Ludwig, Clarence "Tuffy" High, Doug Breidenbach, Elwood Schaeffer, John Henry, Bobby Martz and Henry Stofko.

Seeders announced that the Alumni squad will be composed of 15 players, others being Don Ziegler, George Mitro, Bus Shaner, Len Bernhart, Carlos Trollinger, Dick Bender, Earl Strom and Dave Detar.

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EIGHT OF THE 15 players are attending colleges throughout the East, while Ludwig is athletic coach at Pennsylvania Military college. Ludwig, incidentally, is coaching Bobby Martz, former Trojan star, at PMC. Players attending college are Schaeffer, Mitro, Stofko, Ziegler, Shaner, Bernhart, Detar and Martz.

Seeders pointed out that he is trying to present new faces on the Alumni squad for the spectators each year, and that is why some players who saw action a year ago are not on this year's Alumni team.

The Alumni coach said boys attending colleges will always be asked to play in this annual game even though they've been on the Alumni team in previous years.

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SEEDERS THINKS this is the strongest Alumni team ever assembled. "With so much power," Seeders said, "I have to use the platoon system in the game. I'll probably substitute one team at a time."

The former Pottstown star pointed out that his team has plenty of experience, stamina, scoring power and height. He is doubtful about a starting lineup, but said five former Trojan captains will probably make up the starting combine.

"This is one of the greatest passing and scoring aggregations I've ever seen," commented Seeders last night, "and the team is rounding into shape very fast due to the vast experience of each member."

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THE AMERICAN Businessmen's club is going all out to make this year's game one of the finest attractions on the local basketball program.

In the first game of the doubleheader at the Pottstown Junior High gymnasium, the Pottstown High junior varsity cagers will take on North Coventry High's varsity quintet.

A year ago, the Trojans handed the Alumni quintet a 48-39 setback.

Mirable Eliminates Erntex From Norristown Tourney

Mirable AC of Norristown halted the Erntex Knitters' winning streak at eight games last night with a 44-34 victory that eliminated the Pottstonians from the Norristown YMCA Holiday Basketball tournament.

The game was played on the Norristown YMCA court. The victory boosted the victors into the quarter-finals of the tournament which are scheduled for Wednesday night.

Tonight, Maria Assunta AC of Pottstown gets its first test in the tournament. The localites will take on the Norristown YMCA Conditioners at nine o'clock.

The Knitters, not used to a small court, found their scoring attack stopped in the first half and turned the game into a defensive affair.

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THE TWO TEAMS were deadlocked at 4-4 after the first period and Mirable finally managed to go ahead in the second stanza. At halftime, the Knitters trailed by one point, 15-14.

Tony Naimoli carried the brunt of the Mirable attack in the third period and the Norristown quintet increased its lead over the Pottstown team to three points.

Naimoli continued to set a terrific pace in the fourth quarter and Mirable slowly pulled away from the Knitters. Naimoli scored eight points in each of the last two quarters. He finished the game with 18 points, 16 coming in the second half.

The Knitters just couldn't get their offensive attack rolling. The Pottstown quintet, usually a high scoring aggregation, netted only 11 field goals during the game and counted on its foul shooting to keep within range of Mirable AC during the first three periods.

Carlos Trollinger was the most effective man for the Knitters. He managed to score nine points on three fouls. Dick Bender trailed with eight points while Earl Strom and John Henry tabbed five digits each. Nick Scoteze was runnerup to Naimoli with 12 points via five field goals and two free tosses.

Erntex	G	F	P	Mirable AC	G	F	P
Kovach, f	0	0	0	Sciavo, f	1	1	3
Weber, f	0	1	1	Baldassano, f	1	0	2
Strom, f	2	1	5	Pass, f	3	2	8
Henry, f	2	1	5	Friel, f	0	0	0
Trollinger, c	3	3	9	Scotze, c	5	2	12
Breidenbach, g	1	2	4	Naimoli, g	9	0	18
Bender, g	2	4	8	Cox, g	0	0	0
Reinhart, g	1	0	2	Marinello, g	0	1	1
				Horrocks, g	0	0	0
Totals	11	12	34	Totals	19	6	44

Score by periods:

Erntex	4	10	9	11—34
Mirable	4	11	11	18—44

Andy Mogish, former Syracuse university basketball star, is coach of the freshman team this season.

Strong Alumni Team Whips Pennsburg By 31-13 Score

Pennsburg High's basketball team dropped its second game in succession last night, losing to a strong Alumni quintet by a 31-13 score at Pennsburg.

The Alumni quintet had trouble with the high school cagers for three periods, but a big fourth period rally by the Alumni found the Pennsburg High team losing ground fast.

The high school lads were held scoreless for the last eight minutes of the game while the Alumni went on a scoring spree and zipped the nets for 17 points.

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COACH LOU PIRNIK'S proteges started out by taking a 7-3 lead over the Alumni in the first period, but the graduates forged ahead in the second stanza and were in front, 9-8, at halftime. Brilliant defensive play by the Alumni kept the high school team from netting a single field goal in the second period.

Each team scored five points in the third quarter, and the Alumni went into the fourth period holding a slim one-point lead. Neil Sweat then took matters into his own hands and started a rally that clinched victory for the Alumni.

Sweat finished the game with 14 points to cop individual scoring honors. Dick Buck was high for the high school team with six points.

In the preliminary, the Alumni girls defeated the Pennsburg High girls' team, 19-15.

Alumni	G	F	P	Pennsburg	G	F	P
Sweat, f	7	0	14	Kline, f	0	1	1
D. Fox, f	0	2	2	Nolle, f	1	0	2
Biey, f	0	0	0	Walters, f	0	0	0
Smoll, f	2	0	4	Buck, c	2	2	6
H. Fox, f	0	0	0	Mutter, g	0	0	0
Mensch, c	1	1	3	Thomas, g	0	0	0
Breidenbach, c	0	0	0	Eschbach, g	1	2	4
Yerger, c	1	0	2	Reinhart, g	0	0	0
Clemens, g	0	0	0	Scamoyer, g	0	0	0
Reigner, g	0	0	0				
Overdorf, g	1	0	2				
Leconer, g	1	2	4				
Tornetta, g	0	0	0				
Totals	13	5	31	Totals	4	5	13

Score by periods.

Alumni	3	6	5	17—31
Pennsburg	7	1	5	0—13

Referees—Hamman and Nolan

Don't Let Her Get By

—Mercury Staff Photo

June Edwards (left) holds up her hands in a vain attempt to stop Sophie Hish (right) from getting a shot during a recent basketball practice at West Pottsgrove. Hish is the high scoring forward on the Falconettes' team and Edwards is another starter. The Falconettes are preparing for an eight-game schedule which starts next month.

N. Y. Racing Commission Blames Drop in Betting to City, County Tax

NEW YORK, Dec 27 (AP)—The New York Racing commission renewed its assault today on the five percent city and county tax on horse racing in this state, and recommended its immediate repeal to forestall "dire results."

In its bulky annual report covering all phases of New York racing for 1948, the commission hammered away strongly at what it termed "effects of excessive taxation" on the State's five major tracks.

New York wagering was off 42 percent as compared with 1945. The commission, headed by Ashley Trimble Cole, laid the decline squarely on the extra five percent imposed by the 1946 legislature.

The additional tax against the pari-mutuel pools was devised for the benefit of New York City, Nassau and Saratoga counties, where New York racing is conducted. This hiked the total levy to 15 percent. The State gets six and the tracks four percent of all money shoved through the windows.

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"IT IS TRUE that the sum of $333,028,000 wagered in 1948, is not a picayune amount," the commission said, "but in relation to the potential wagering inherent in the greatest sports center of the world, it could be greatly improved by the cancellation of the added five percent tax.

Noting that it had opposed the additional tax in its 1946 report, meanwhile predicting a steady revenue drop, the commission continued.

"The elapsed time has definitely borne out this evident fact—that racing is over-taxed, and the public has since amply demonstrated it. It is time that this inequity be recognized, for unless remedied, this slump will continue until successful racing standards will be prohibitive to the associations which conduct it. Tax relief to racing is essential for its future preservation and the assurance of a proper financial return to the State."

While attendance at New York tracks dropped off only by 183,385 persons as compared with 1947, wagering tumbled a total of $19,596,156.

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IN 1947, attendance was 4,584,163 and wagering totaled $352,624,464, compared with 4,400,778 and $333,028,308 the past season. There were 188 racing days in 1947, and 196 this year—longest season in the State's history.

"Statistics presented show a net loss to the State treasury of $1,340,942 over last year and a steady decline since 1946," the report continued.

"These figures compare unfavorably with the results of 1943, when the total mutuel tax was only 10 percent. That year the State was enriched $30,324,075 as its share of tax revenue, while this year the treasury received $22,366,569."

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THE STATE'S share dropped to $27,356,001 in 1946 and skidded to $23,767,512 in 1947.

From the extra 5 percent levy, New York City got $12,375,316 this year, Nassau county, $3,384,873, and Saratoga county, $891,225 — a total of $16,650,414. This was a reduction from the 1947 total of $17,631,221, and from $19,685,657 in 1946.

New York legalized pari-mutuel betting in 1940, and that year with 178 racing days attendance was 2,054,315 and wagering totaled $103,700,926. The State's revenue then was only $6,066,367. The State revenue jumped each year, reaching its war-boom peak in 1945.

HORSES SURVIVE FIRE

PHILLIPSBURG, N. J., Dec 27 (AP)—Eight race horses were saved, another suffered a broken leg and had to be destroyed and a handler was injured today when fire raced through a barn in nearby Anderson.

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East-West Stars Give Hospital Kids Thrill

Stars who will play in the East-West game in San Francisco New Years Day gather around the bedside of three little fellows, patients in the Shrine hospital, for which benefit the game is played. Around the bed from left are Bill McPeak of Pittsburgh, John Simon of Penn State, Frank Burns of Rutgers, John Finley of Penn State, Al DeRogatis of Duke, Jim Finks of Tulsa, Alf Hemstead and Bob Levenhagen of Washington, Jerry Williams of Washington State, Bill Clements of L. C. L. A. and Bill Austin of Oregan State.

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Ice Bowl Grid Game Scheduled for Alaska

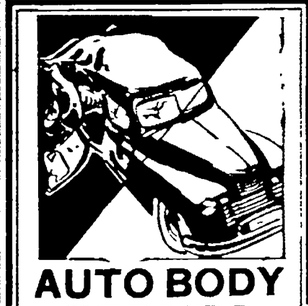
FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec 27 (AP)—An Ice Bowl game, billed as "the farthest north football ever," will be played here New Years Day—even if the mercury dips to 50 below.

Batting in this latest addition to the bowl game list will be the University of Alaska and the gridders of Fairbanks' Ladd Field air force base.

Game time will be sometime in the afternoon, since the sun rises around 9:30 a. m. and sets about 2:30 p. m. at this time of year.

Players will don the usual football gear but will also wear parkas, hoods, heavy underclothes and special masks designed to protect the lungs from frostbite. The prescribed footwear is the mukluk, a heavy cold weather boot favored by Eskimos.

As for the spectators, they will view the game through windows of a special warming house.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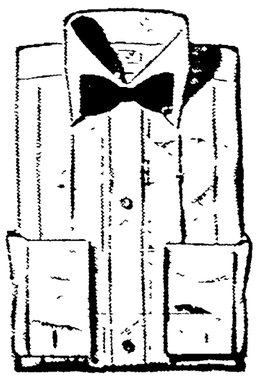
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Paul Hessler Weds Marion G. Reinhard At Lutheran Church

Paul Ortlip Hessler, son of Mrs. Laura O. Hessler, 408 Main street, Royersford, and Miss Marion G. Reinhard, 30 North Main street, Spring City, were united in marriage by the Rev. H. O. Schlessman in Zion's Lutheran church, near Spring City, Sunday night at 5 o'clock.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Cyril Yeager, the bride had as her attendants Mrs. Winfield Atkinson Jr., Royersford, as matron-of-honor; Mrs. Robert Reinhard, Greensboro, N. C., sister-in-law, and Miss Jean Reinhard, her sister, as bridesmaids, and Miss Sandra Lee Haltenan, Spring City, junior bridesmaid.

Charles Hessler, Royersford, served as best man for his brother, and the ushers were Robert Reinhard, Greensboro, N. C., and Clarence Hessler, York, a brother of the bridegroom. Freddie Hessler, Royersford, was the ring bearer.

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A RECEPTION followed in the church, after which the couple left later last night for a honeymoon trip to the Pocones. They will live at the home of the bridegroom.

The bride, who has been living with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Yeager, Spring City, is a graduate of Drexel institute and has been teaching at Spring Garden institute, Philadelphia. Mr. Hessler, a hosiery manufacturer, operates a plant on Upper Lewis road, near Limerick.

Royersford Woman Injured in Collision

Mrs. Herbert J. Dawson, Royersford, was admitted to Phoenixville hospital with lacerations of the forehead, following a motor accident Sunday afternoon.

Riding in a sedan driven by her husband, Mrs. Dawson was injured when thrown against the windshield when the car reportedly was hit by another machine going the opposite direction on Birchrunville road, north of Valley Forge General hospital.

According to the report to police, the driver of the other car, Mrs. Albert Spaulding, Kimberton, lost control on a patch of ice.

Both cars were damaged. Mrs. Dawson was taken to the hospital, where four stitches were required to close a gash over the eye. State police from Devon barracks investigated.

Lloyd E. Johnson 3d Christened at Mt. Airy

Lloyd E. Johnson, 3d, infant son of Col. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson Jr., Arlington, Va., was christened in Grace Episcopal church, Mt. Airy, Sunday.

Standing as godparents were Mrs L. LeRoy Hepburn, Germantown, maternal grandmother; L. E. Johnson Sr., Royersford, paternal grandfather, and L. LeRoy Hepburn Jr., Germantown, an uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson Sr. entertained at a family dinner at Spring-Ford Country club after the christening.

Great deposits of salt lie beneath the earth in Michigan and are removed through deep wells and with pumps forcing water in to dissolve the salt.

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Hospital Notes

Mrs. Mary Ruf, Spring City, was admitted to Phoenixville hospital.

Discharged were: Merritt Greenawalt, Mrs. Harold Spencer and Mrs. George Bauer, Royersford; James Law, Spring City RD 1.

Miss Lola Foreman Betrothal Announced

Announcement was made Christmas eve by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Foreman, 136 South Fifth avenue, Royersford, of the engagement of their daughter, Lola J., to Robert L. Tyson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Tyson Sr., 712 Church street, Royersford.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Royersford High school with the class of 1946, holds an office position at the Firestone Tire and Rubber company, Pottstown.

Mr. Tyson, who graduated from Royersford High school with the 1943 class, served three years in the U. S. Army during the war, two years of which he was in the Pacific. He is now an associate of the Tyson Motor company.

Royersford Firemen Plan Annual Banquet

Royersford Humane Fire company named a committee for the annual banquet to be held in February at its monthly meeting last night.

The fire company also decided to place a bell on the second floor, to synchronize with the telephone bell on the first floor. Report of Capt. Robert Beideman showed there were no alarms during the past month. One proposition for membership was received, and Arthur Simon and James Garman were elected new members.

Robert Beideman, Garfield Yerk, and Paul Henricks were named delegates to the Montgomery county Firemen's association.

Officers were nominated and the nomination list was ordered held open for two weeks, when a special meeting will be conducted Jan. 10, for the annual election.

Appointed to the banquet committee were Robert Beideman, Franklin Breidegam, David Quigg, Paul Gottshalk, Kenneth Weigel, Benjamin Fry and Ray Bush.

Youth Released on Bail On Drunk-Driving Charge

J. Francis Yeager, Phoenixville RD 1, whose automobile was involved in a collision in Spring City Friday afternoon, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace H. A. Shakespeare, Spring City, last night.

Held for Chester county court on charges of driving while under the influence of liquor, he was released when bail was furnished.

Humane Fire Auxiliary To Hold Party Tonight

The Ladies' auxiliary of Royersford Humane Fire company will have a Christmas party with its monthly meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the firehall. Fifty-cent gifts will be exchanged.

The committee for the affair comprises Mrs. Doris Rosenberger, Mrs. Sara Moore, Mrs. Bessie Austin, Mrs. Ruth Walt, Mrs. Franklin Haines, Mrs. Oscar Tyson Sr., Mrs. Ethel Eagle, Mrs. Sara Fry and Mrs. Ruth Bush.

FAYE ROOSEVELT —

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the incident came from Dr. H. Sherman Hirst, who treated Mrs. Roosevelt.

He quoted Dr. Hirst as saying he understood the cuts were self-inflicted after a family quarrel and that Mrs. Roosevelt was restrained from further injuring herself.

Told of Roosevelt's statement, Close said:

"I can't help what Elliott says, this is what Dr. Hirst told Deputy Sheriff (Hugh) Brennan."

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CLOSE SAID Roosevelt brought his wife to the doctor's office at 4 a. m. yesterday.

The cut, Close quoted the doctor as saying, did not appear deep and required no stitches. However, Mrs Roosevelt was sent to the Vassar Brothers hospital here. Hospital authorities said Mrs. Roosevelt's right wrist was injured.

When she was released, Roosevelt picked her up in a limousine.

Right Turn Proves Wrong For California Autoist

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Dec. 27 (AP)—When Jesus A. Diaz made a right turn with his automobile today he had one thought in mind. That was to complete the right turn and continue on his way.

But Diaz didn't. First off, he smashed into a police car, then into a second police car, then into a third police car, and from there he darted across the street, where his strangely behaving vehicle smashed into the private car of, oh, brother—another policeman.

Sitting in the police station, watching all this, was a desk sergeant. He sent a policeman after Diaz, who made another right turn, into jail. The charge, drunk in auto.

SIX CARS DERAILED

CONNELLSVILLE, Dec. 27 (AP)—Six freight cars of a Baltimore & Ohio railroad freight train were derailed at nearby Dawson today. No one was injured.

700 Lads, Lassies Expected to Attend Holiday Dances Here

Seven hundred boys and girls are expected at three holiday dances Thursday night, sponsored by Pottstown Local 211, American Federation of Musicians (AFL) and the Pottstown Kiwanis club, with the assistance of the YWCA, YMCA and the Recreation commission.

Junior High school boys and girls will be invited to the YWCA gymnasium, where Harold Smith and his orchestra will play.

A 'teen-agers' dance will be held in Bethany center, with Lee Dearolf's orchestra playing from 8 until 11 p. m. Preceding the dance youngsters under 14 years will be offered a program of movies and party games from 6:30 to 8 p. m.

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS will dance to Russ Garber's orchestra in the YMCA, also from 8 to 11 o'clock Thursday night. Miss Barbara Weikel, president of the Student Dance committee, will direct the group in decorating the auditorium for the dance.

Movies will be shown by William J. Carden, of the YMCA extension division.

No admission will be charged for the three dances. The orchestras will be furnished without cost by Local 211, AFM.

In addition the Kiwanis club will provide refreshments, prizes for games and special dances and Kiwanians and their wives will act as chaperones.

Waverly H. Kiehl, chairman of the Kiwanis club boys' and girls' committee, and committee members arranged the dances.

Francis Donnon, Pottstown recreation director, announced that boys and girls attending North Coventry and West Pottsgrove high schools are invited to the Thursday night dances.

Local Moose Plan For New Year's Eve

Pottstown lodge 369, Loyal Order of Moose, last night cleared the decks for its New Year's eve party.

The affair will begin about 10 p. m. Dancing will last from that time until 2 a. m. and a floor show will be presented at 10:30 o'clock.

The lodge also will send Lester Boughter, governor, and Earl B. Bechtel, secretary, to the state lodge governors' and secretaries' three-day conference in Harrisburg in the latter part of January.

A delegation of about 50 will attend the convention of the Third district in Quakertown on Jan. 9.

Twenty-one candidates were made members last night and applications for 16 more were received. The meeting was attended by 28.

COUNCIL HEARS —

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thanked the councilmen for their "fine co-operation and enthusiasm," just before adjournment.

"What has been done this year is a credit to the borough," Bush declared.

"In spite of having your actions branded 'politics,'" he went on, "the record shows that you have voted according to your judgment."

The president also pronounced attendance at both council and committee meetings as "wonderful," adding that it "proved you men are really trying to do a job."

The six absentees from last night's session included C. Raymond Eppehimer, Seventh ward; Mahlon F. Frick, Sixth ward; Ellington B. Heck and William Romich, Second ward; Earl R. Strange, West ward and William B. Twaddell, Fourth ward.

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A BRIEF WATER committee meeting followed the council session. Sears at that time opened bids for electrical equipment for the borough's projected sub-station of the water department.

Bids, received from John W. Snyder, 27 North Hanover street; the Westinghouse Electric corporation, and the Line Material company, of Philadelphia, will be computed by Sears to learn which is lowest.

The three concerns bid on numerous electrical items.

Pennsylvania Public Utility commission rules required the borough to plan its own sub-station after it acquired the Pottstown Gas and Water company.

Sears estimated that when the sub-station is erected, in approximately three years, it will save the town between $3500 and $4000 annually in electricity costs.

JACK FROST FROZEN

IGNACIO, Colo., Dec. 27 (AP)—Jack Frost, a Ute Indian, was found nearly frozen to death in the snow near his home yesterday.

Satisfied

Marshal Tito (above) announced yesterday in Belgrade that Yugoslavia had more than fulfilled its economic plan for 1948. He said the plan was 100.4 percent fulfilled.

Pilot Club Holds Party, Brief Business Meeting

Dancing and singing at the Merchants hotel featured last night's Christmas meeting of the Pilot club of Pottstown. Fifty members attended.

A brief business meeting was headed by Herbert N. Maier, president.

Children's Festivities Mark Second Day Of Chanukah Feast

The children's highlight of the eight-day Jewish Feast of Light, or Chanukah, came yesterday when 100 youngsters and parents gathered at the synagog for movies, games, dances and formalities.

Rabbi Emil Schorsch was in charge of the affair and supervised lighting candles which attends the daily celebration of feast both in homes and in the synagog.

The feast originated more than 2000 years ago when the Jewish brothers Macabees defeated the Syrian emperor, Antiochus, and rededicated the temple at Jerusalem. It is a celebration of freedom, particularly religious freedom.

The celebrations began Sunday night at sundown and will end Monday, although the last services will be held Sunday night. Services are held at 7 a. m. and 7 p. m. every day at the synagog.

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FEW ATTEND DAILY services, Rabbi Schorsch explained, since the bulk of celebrations are in the home. The two big services of the feast will be held Friday night and Saturday morning when the rabbi will preach a sermon, "Lights of the Crossroads," and read the third chapter of Zacharias.

In this chapter, the feast's essential thought, "Not by might nor power but by the spirit," appears.

At yesterday's party, gifts were exchanged and a special dance was performed by eight girls, wearing white dresses and carrying flags.

The girls were Marcia Prince, Myra Schlosberg, Gale and Judy Pollock, Betty Jo Leventhal, Janet Bressler, Susan Keller and Susan Marion.

Borough to Open Union Talks Tonight

The borough will begin direct negotiations with the newly-formed local unit of the United Construction Workers, an affiliate of the United Mine Workers, in borough hall at 7 o'clock tonight.

Representing the borough will be members of the highway and sewer committee, as well as other leading borough officials, while Peter Schneider, Stowe, UCW organizer, is expected to represent the union.

The UCW was recognized as bargaining agent for borough street and sewer employes after an election, sponsored by the State Labor board, the past Fall.

Borough officials said that no definite action will result from tonight's meeting. Its purpose, they explained, is to give the union representatives an opportunity to state their case on wages, hours and working conditions.

MISS LONGACRE —

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fore they could be accepted as regular faculty members.

Miss Longacre began by teaching primary pupils at the old Hancock school on North Charlotte street near Gay street, now used as a warehouse.

Before the six months' minimum had ended, she had been made a full-time teacher.

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TO MEET CERTIFICATION requirements that went into effect after she began teaching, Miss Longacre took courses for a number of years at Temple university, Philadelphia.

She was a teacher at the Hancock school until the Lincoln school was opened ten years ago, except for a brief period spent at the Washington school while the new school was being completed.

At the Lincoln school, she served both as principal and Third grade teacher of the 12-room school.

While her life was centered in her school, her family said, she did use part of her leisure time in raising flowers at her home, especially roses.

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MISS LONGACRE had been a member of Grace Lutheran church since girlhood. She also was a member of the Junior auxiliary of the Memorial hospital.

She was born at 375 North Franklin street, a daughter of George Longacre and the late Sophia (Schauer) Longacre.

Surviving are her father; a sister, Miss Anna Longacre, at home, and two brothers, Joseph, of 359 North Franklin street, and Charles, of 477 North Franklin street.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from a funeral home at 466 North Franklin street. Officiating will be the Rev. Edgar S. Brown Jr., pastor of Grace Lutheran church.

Interment will be made in Mt. Zion cemetery.

All Crewmen Rescued From Argentine Tanker

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 27 (AP)—Two Coast Guard cutters today had rescued all 18 crewmen of the El Capitan, the Argentine merchant tanker which yesterday broke up in the Atlantic off the North Carolina coast.

The Coast Guard cutter Agassiz removed the last two survivors from the tanker's severed stern section at 8:50 a. m. today. The other cutter participating in the secue operations, the Cherokee, had taken 16 of the crewmen from the vessel's bow section yesterday.

Irving L. Sands, 76, Owner of Grocery at Colebrookdale, Dies

Irving L. Sands, 76, proprietor of a Colebrookdale grocery store for the past 26 years, died at his home there last night at 10:15 o'clock.

He had been released from Memorial hospital yesterday morning after a surgical operation. Death was caused by a blood clot that developed suddenly.

He and his wife, Katie B. (Gresh) Sands, marked their 52d wedding anniversary Christmas eve.

Before opening the grocery store that he conducted in his own name, Mr. Sands had worked 34 years at the Colebrookdale Iron works.

He was a member of Gospel Hall, Boyertown, and Washington Camp 104, POS of A, both Boyertown.

Surviving are his wife; two children, Helen, wife of Robert Bauer, Spring City, and Fred, Colebrookdale, and four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements, incomplete last night, are in charge of a funeral home at 124 West Philadelphia avenue, Boyertown.

SLEDDER INJURED —

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man, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Bartman, 438 Lincoln avenue, who was on the street and witnessed the accident.

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ROBERT EVANS, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Evans, Main street, Spring Mount, broke his left wrist when he slipped on the ice as he was playing outside his home, at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

The boy was admitted to Memorial hospital after the fracture was reduced.

He went to the hospital with his parents, who called a friend for transportation.

COLD SNAP —

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ponds and other still waters were alive with youngsters.

Among others, Ringing Rocks park lake and the pond at the old Sanatoga amusement park were reported good for skating. Snow fell before the freeze, so the ice was mostly smooth.

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THE SCHUYLYKILL river looked like Washington's Delaware with hunks of ice the size of a horse floating in it.

While The Mercury's mercury got down to 2, the more famous refrigerators in the area turned in their figures.

Montgomery park on the Upper Perkiomen reported 10 below yesterday morning at 2 o'clock, which bettered the official low for the state by 5 degrees. That was recorded at Pen Argyl, Northampton county, and Kane, in McKean county, usually the "ice box" of the Commonwealth, turned in a mild 1 degree above.

At Pruss Hill, Elsie Liss, owner of the Pruss Hill pond, said 4 below was the best her thermometer could do. The pond has 6 inches of ice, but is rough on top, she said. It was so cold, however, she said, that if she sprayed water on top, it would freeze instantly, leaving a air pocket between layers of ice.

Other low figures turned in from scattered points were:

Sunnybrook park	**4 below**
Rahn's Hill	**zero**
Pleasantview road	**3 below**
Firestone plant	**1 above**
Pughtown	**zero**
Municipal airport	**4 above**
Knauertown	**4 above**

NEWS TIPSTERS —

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the injury sustained by David Quigley, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace F. Quigley, 19 East Second street, when he ran into a parked laundry truck while sledding on an unprotected Beech street hill.

Third prize of $2 went to Mrs. George Good, 7 East Second street, for a tip on the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richards, 323 North Evans street. Mr. and Mrs. Richards celebrated their anniversary the past Thursday.

You can follow the lead of these three big prize dinners by taking part in the new contest which starts today. Let The Mercury make your New Year happier through its weekly cash awards.

Just a five-cent phone call to The Mercury whenever news occurs is all you need to enter. Make one today!

Dazed Pilot Is Rescued As Plane Crashes in Bay

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP) — A one-man seaplane crashed in Jamaica Bay today and its occupant later was rescued dazed but apparently without serious injuries, Coast Guard headquarters reported.

The man, identified as Charles Rezba, was piloting a plane which he had flown out of Brooklyn Skyport. When witnesses reported seeing it crash into the bay near International airport, police and the Coast Guard sent out launches and helicopters.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deaths 1

BROOKE—In Philadelphia, on Friday, Dec. 24, 1948, Hannah M. (Bertolet) widow of the late Robert G. Brooke of Schwenkville RD, age 75 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from Schwenk Funeral Home, 124 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown, on Wednesday at 2 p. m. Interment in Falkner Swamp cemetery, New Hanover, Pa. Friends may call Tuesday evening 7 to 9. (Schwenk)

KROSNINUTZY—On Saturday, Dec. 25, 1948, Lusian, husband of Mrs. Anna Krosninutzy. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from the residence of his sister Mrs. Doro Phillips of Vine and Walnut Sts., Stowe, on Tuesday at 8:15 a. m. Further services in Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox church at 9 a. m. Interment in Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox cemetery. Friends may call at the residence of Mrs. Phillips Monday evening. (Kopicki)

LONGACRE—On Monday, Dec. 27, 1948, Christiana H., daughter of George and the late Saphia (nee Schauer) Longacre, age 51 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from the Wolfendale Funeral Home, 466 N. Franklin St., on Thursday at 2 p. m. Interment in Mt. Zion cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30. (Wolfendale)

ZIMMERMAN—On Saturday, Dec. 25, 1948, William G., husband of Margaret M. (nee Florini) Zimmerman, age 22 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from St. Jeromes Catholic church, Tamaqua, Pa., on Thursday, Dec. 30 at 10 a. m. where Requiem Mass will be celebrated. Interment in St. Jeromes Catholic cemetery. Friends may call at the Schumacher Funeral Home, 359 King St., Pottstown, Tuesday evening 7 to 9. (Schumacher)

MYERS—In Pottstown on Saturday, Dec. 25, 1948, Margaret P. (nee Hughes) Myers, wife of Charles Myers, Spring Mount, age 56 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from St. John's Lutheran church, Sumneytown, on Wednesday at 2 p. m. Interment in adjoining cemetery. Friends may call at the Benner Funeral Home, Red Hill, Tuesday evening. (Benner)

OLOCK—On Sunday, Dec. 26, 1948, Peter J., husband of the late Violet (nee Shekeras) Olock, age 65 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from his late residence 447 Laurel St., Pottstown, on Thursday at 8:15 a. m.; Requiem High Mass will be celebrated in St. John's Greek Catholic church at 9 a. m. Interment in St. Johns Greek Catholic cemetery. Friends may call at his late residence Wednesday evening from 7 to 9. (Fleischmann)

WILSON—On Thursday, Dec. 23, 1948 Richard A., husband of the late May (nee Reed) Wilson, age 75 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from Houck's Funeral Home, 112 N. Washington St., Pottstown, Pa., on Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 2 p. m. Interment in Pottstown East End cemetery. Friends may call Monday evening 7 to 8:30. Full military rites by the American Legion. (Houck)

Farmer's Market

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27 (AP) (USDA)—Trading was active at the terminal but limited on the street at the Philadelphia fresh fruit and vegetable market today. Prices included: Apples — Bu. bskts. and boxes Pa. Staymans $3.75, Romes $2.50a75, Black Twigs — Paragons $3.00, N. J. Romes $2.25a50, Golden Delicious $2.50, Staymans $3.00a50. Cabbage—50-lb. sax Pa. Danish 75a 80c. Carrots—Pa. bu. bskts. topped, washed 85c. Mushrooms—Pa. 3-lb. bskts. $1.25a40, carton pints 22c. Potatoes—100-lb. sax Pa. Katahdins $3.25a40, Green Mountains $3.25, Russet rural $3.15, unclassified $1.75a2.00, N. J. Katahdins $2.75. White turnips—Pa. bu. bskt., topped, washed 75a85c; N. J. 85c. Rutabagas—50-lb. sax Pa. 85a90c, N. J. $1.00.

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Pullets	53	50	51¼
Pee Wees	47	47	47
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Fancy Large	66	62	64¼
Fancy Medium	58	54½	56
Extras Large	72	61	63
Extras Medium	57	51	54½
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Stand. Medium	56	52	53¾
Pullets	52	50	51½
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deaths 1

BURK — On Saturday, Dec. 25, 1948 Katie, widow of Alvin Burk, age 62 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from the White Memorial Home, Parkerford, on Wednesday at 2 p. m. Interment in East Coventry Mennonite cemetery. Friends may call at the White Memorial Home Tuesday evening from 7 to 8:30. (White)

McCAUGHEY — In Downingtown, Friday, Dec. 24, 1948, E. Elizabeth, wife of Charles P. McCaughey, age 64. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from the Towson Funeral Home, 43 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, today at 2 p. m. Interment Northwood cemetery. (Towson)

WEIDENMOYER — On Thursday, Dec. 23, 1948 Katie A. (nee Saylor) wife of the late Franklin S. Weidenmoyer, age 76 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from the Wolfendale Funeral Home, 466 N. Franklin St., on Tuesday at 2 p. m. Interment in Schwenkville cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday evening from 7 to 8:30. (Wolfendale)

Card of Thanks 2

HUTT

The family of the late Jesse Albert Hutt desires to thank the kind neighbors and friends for the assistance and sympathy, the floral tributes and use of cars offered during their recent bereavement.

Mrs. ELMER CHRISTMAN
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Will person who took bowling ball and shoes in bag from Keystone Fire House, Boyertown, by mistake on Sun., Dec. 19, kindly Phone Pottstown 592-J.

LOST—Blonde Cairn Terrier, looks like Scottie. Reward. Phone 839 between 9:30 a. m. & 5:30 p. m.

LOST — Pkg. of photographs in Strand Theatre Sat. night. Valuable to owner only. Rew. 3665-W

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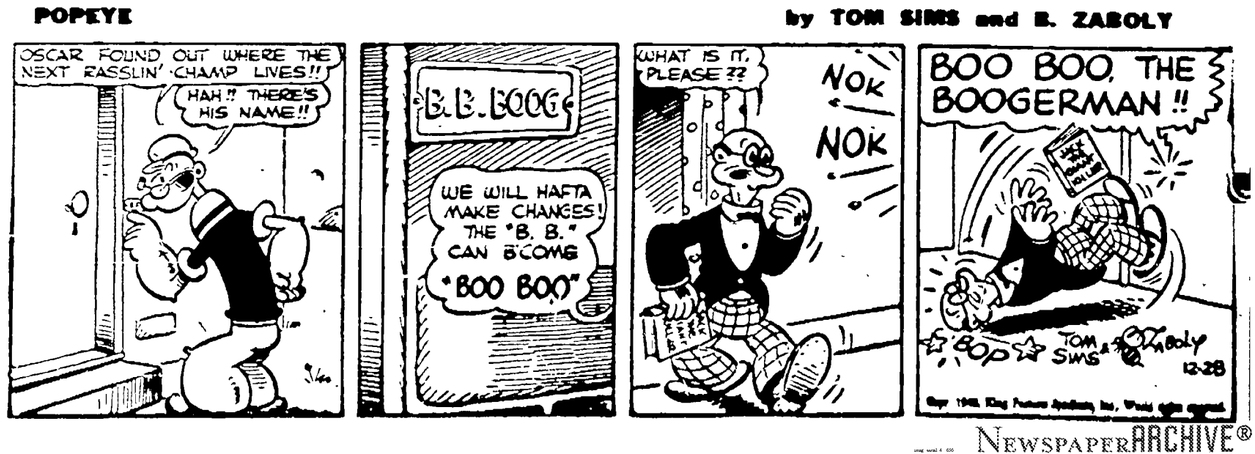

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FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the Act of Assembly No. 380, approved May 24, 1945, of intention to file in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Harrisburg, Pa. and in the Office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County at Norristown, Pa., on or after Wednesday, January 5, 1949, a certificate for the conduct of business in Montgomery County under the assumed or fictitious name, style or designation of "Sunset Pharmacy," with its principal place of business at 12-14 Moser Road, Pottstown, Pa.

The names and addresses of the persons owning or interested in the said business are Maurice Kreseen, 157 High Street, Pottstown, Pa. and Richard G. Lehr, RD No. 4, Pottstown, Pa.

C. EDMUND WELLS, Attorney
419 High Street, Pottstown, Pa.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made in the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, on the 10th day of January, 1949, under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of May 5, 1933, P. L. 289, and the amendments and supplements thereto, for the purpose of obtaining a Charter for a proposed corporation under the name of UPPER POTTSGROVE TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY No. 1, with its principal office at Upper Pottsgrove Township, Pottstown, RD No. 3, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

The purposes for which the corporation is to be formed are

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(b) to provide and maintain a meeting place for its members.

(c) to provide a place and facilities for legitimate social entertainment for its members.

(d) to hire, lease, buy or otherwise acquire land, buildings, equipment, or other real or personal property for a firehouse and meeting hall; and to build, construct, operate and manage the said fire house or meeting hall for the benefit of its members; to rent, lease, mortgage and/or sell all or any part of such real or personal property acquired by said organization.

(e) to do, perform and supervise any and all other things in furtherance of the general principles hereinbefore expressed, and such acts as are not inconsistent with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The said proposed corporation shall exist perpetually.

The Articles of Incorporation have been filed in the Office of the Prothonotary of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

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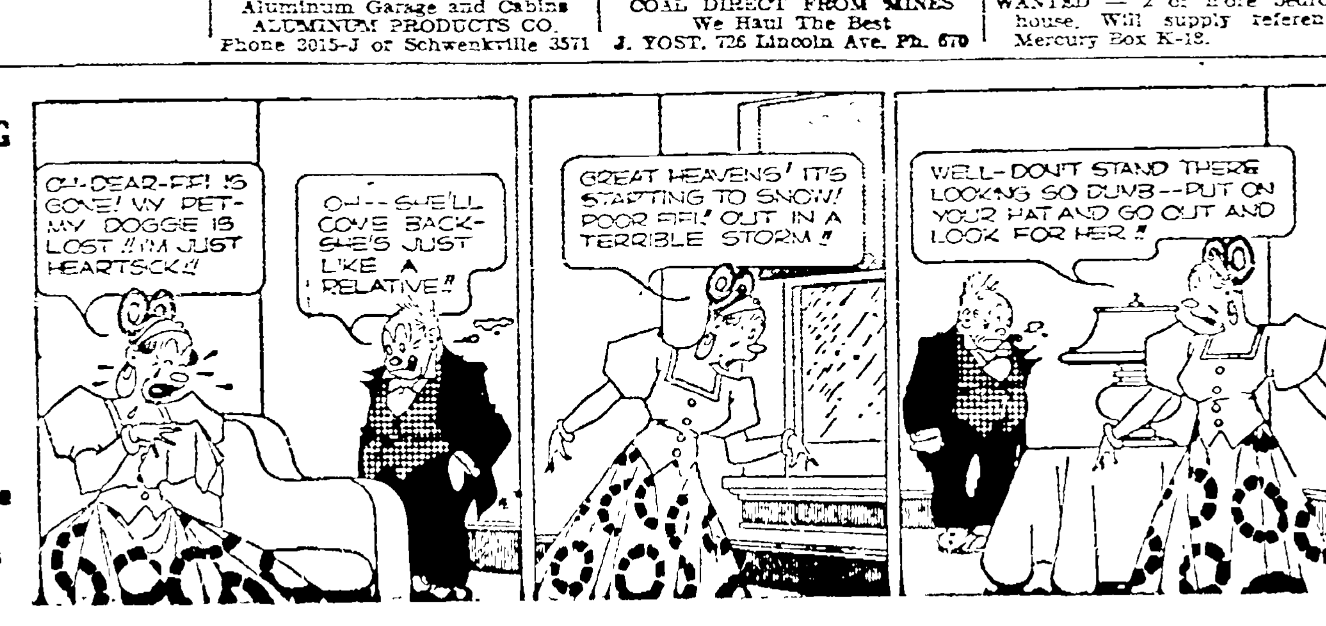

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Betrothals Revealed By Many Parents In Yuletide Season

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the Sellersville-Perkasie Senior High school with the class of 1942 and is employed by the Century-Beverly corporation. Mr. Nosia attended schools in Phoenixville and is now employed by the Phoenix-Apollo Steel company in Phoenixville.

Frain—Lockhoff

The engagement of Miss Anne Frain to Mr. Robert Lockhoff, son of Mrs. Florence Linton, 158 Hall street, Spring City, was announced on Christmas Day by Miss Frain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S Frain, 117 North Washington street.

Miss Frain is employed by the New York Department store and Mr Lockhoff is employed at the B. F. Goodrich plant of Oaks, Pa.

Pinkerton—Levengood

Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkerton, Reading, announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn, to Mr. Melvin Levengood, son of Mr and Mrs. Leonard Levengood, 252 Berks street, Stowe, on Christmas Day.

Miss Pinkerton was graduated from Mt. Penn High school, Reading, with the class of 1947 She is employed at the Pennsylvania News agency, Reading Mr. Levengood is employed by his father who operates a grocery store.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Schwoyer—Keltz

Of interest to her many Pottstown friends, is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Marie A. Schwoyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwoyer, 425 Elm street, Reading, to Mr. Robert Keltz, of 822 Chestnut street, Reading.

Miss Schwoyer formerly lived at 225 North Evans street, and was graduated from the Pottstown Senior High school with the class of 1942.

The engagement was revealed by Miss Schwoyer's parents at the home of her sister, Mrs Jonh Dusko, 341 Walnut street.

The future bride is employed in the office of the Glidden Paint company, Reading, and Mr. Keltz, who was graduated from the St Peter's Catholic High school, Reading, is employed as caretaker at St. Catherine's Orphanage in Reading.

Among the guests present when the betrothal was revealed were: Mr. and Mrs Charles Schwoyer, Alice and Ruth Schwoyer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stahl, Mr. and Mrs Robert Schwoyer and son, Billy, Mr and Mrs John Dusko and sons, John Jr. and Joseph; and the guests of honor

Whitacre—Moyer

Mr and Mrs John Whitacre, Boyertown RD 2 announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha Mary, to Mr Robert W Moyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Moyer, Boyertown RD 1

Miss Whitacre was graduated from the Boyertown Senior High school and is employed at the Beckerman Shoe corporation, Boyertown. Mr Moyer was graduated from the Boyertown Senior High school and spent two years in the U S Navy He is now attending classes at the Norristown Business college, Norristown.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Hettrick—Yanos

The engagement of Miss Theda Hettrick to Mr Bernard Yanos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Yanos, 334 Vine street, Stowe, was announced on Christmas by her parents, Mr. and Mrs Benjamin Hettrick, Linfield.

Miss Hettrick was graduated from the Pottstown Senior High school, class of 1946, and is employed in the office of the Bethlehem Steel company.

Mr. Yanos was graduated from West Pottsgrove Senior High school, class of 1945, prior to serving for three years in the United States Air force. He served 25 months overseas, and is now employed in the purchasing department of the Spicer Manufacturing company.

No wedding date has been set.

Bean—Barto

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Bean, Kenilworth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Myrtle, to Mr. Daniel E. Barto, son of Mr and Mrs D Leon Barto, Cedarville

Miss Bean was graduated from the North Coventry Senior High school, class of 1947, and is employed by the Ramble Inn Service station. Mr. Barto was graduated from the North Coventry Senior High school, class of 1944, and is now employed by the Floyd-Wells company of Royersford.

Morrow—Overdorf

Miss Laura Jean Morrow became engaged to Mr. Raymond Overdorf Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond S. Overdorf, 607 Walnut street, Royersford, it was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Royer Morrow, Second avenue, Royersford, over the holidays.

Miss Morrow was graduated from Royersford Senior High school with the class of 1947 and is employed at the Royersford Needle Works incorporated. Mr. Overdorf, also a graduate of Royersford Senior High school with the class of 1946. He is employed at Stan's Linoleum and Tile incorporated, Limerick.

No wedding date has been set.

Daroci—Weikel

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daroci, 49 Isabella street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary B., to Mr Linwood Weikel, son of Mr and Mrs Earl F. Weikel, 624 Howard street, Stowe.

The future bride attended Pottstown schools and is employed at the Rosemont Dress company Mr Weikel attended local schools and is employed at Smith's Pie company

The wedding date will be announced later.

Zern—Keller

Mr and Mrs. Warren B Zern, Pottstown RD 3, announce the engagement of their daughter, Emma, to Mr Lynn Keller, son of Mrs Hattie Keller, 116 High street.

Miss Zern was graduated from the Pottstown Senior High school, class of 1936, and Mr Keller, who attended Pottstown schools, was graduated from the Valley Forge Military academy with the class of 1934

No date has been set for the wedding.

Wilson—Griesmer

The engagement of Miss Marlene Wilson to Mr Russell Griesmer was announced over the holiday by her mother, Mrs Stella Wilson, Kenilworth.

Mr Griesmer is the son of Mr and Mrs Leroy Griesmer, Yellow House.

The future bride attends the North Coventry Senior High school and will graduate with the class of 1949. Mr Griesmer attended Amity Senior High school and served for 21 months in the Merchant Marines. He is employed by the Bethlehem Steel company here

Annual Christmas Party Held by Soroptimist Club

Little Red Riding Hood and the wolf, and the cow who wouldn't jump over the moon were guests of the Soroptimist club of Pottstown last night as pupils of the Price Dance studio entertained at a Christmas party in the Elks home.

Under the direction of Mr Johnny Price, they presented a program of tap, ballet and acrobatic dancing.

The meeting was in charge of Mrs. Gladys Dwyer, program chairman, who was introduced by Miss Ruth E Benfield, president. Singing of Christmas carols and club songs was led by Mrs Ruth Emery, with Mrs Evelyne T Applegate as pianist

Among the guests present were Mr. Raymond Smale, Mrs. George Dwyer, Miss R Meschick, Mr. W. Ford Sands, Miss Joanne Applegate, Mrs S Edwin Trout, Mr. Bryce Manthorne, Mrs. Martha Good, Mrs Dorothy Ayres, Mrs Pearl Mahr, Mr Jack Zinn, Mr George Emery, Mrs. Violet Yerger, Mrs June Morgan, Mr Wayne Dengler and Mrs. William Keeley.

Searles Methodist Choir Gives Christmas Cantata

"The Babe of Bethlehem," a Christmas cantata, was presented by the choir of Searles Memorial church Sunday night in the church auditorium.

Mrs Ruth F Emery directed the choir and Mr. Harold B Rohn, Sunday school superintendent, supervised the services

Soloists were Mr Howard Hallman, Miss Edith Nagle, Mrs. Emery and Mr Calvin Meyers Singers were Miss Nagle, Mrs Elmer Yohn, Mrs Paul Moyer, Mrs. Margaret J. Lafferty, Miss Virginia Witman, Miss Bette Moyer, Misses Barbara Lutz, Miss Mary Wanl, Miss Barbara Spangler, Miss Sara Stein, Mr Hallman, Mr Stanley Boyer with Mrs. Rohland Dorang at the organ

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Russell Bernd Jr. Weds Miss Marian Wadsworth

Miss Marian Wadsworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Wadsworth, Obelisk, and Mr. H. Russell Bernd Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Russell Bernd, Maugers Mill road, were united in marriage on Christmas eve.

The simple ceremony took place in the parsonage of the Rev Charles H. Reed, Sumneytown, with the bride attired in a gray chapel length crepe dress and black accessories. She wore a corsage of red roses.

The couple will reside temporarily at the home of the bridegroom's parents.

Both Mr and Mrs. Bernd Jr. are graduates of Schwenkville High school. The bride is employed in a dentist's office and the bridegroom is attending Ursinus college.

Bernard D. Bauer Weds Miss Charlotte Gauger

Miss Charlotte Elaine Gauger, 520 Spruce street, and Bernard D. Bauer, 212 East Third were united in marriage in the rectory of the St Aloysius Catholic church recently with the Rev George Hillier, assistant rector, officiating

For the occasion the bride was gowned in white with corsage of red roses. She was attended by Mrs William Moyer in black and white gown with yellow rose corsage

A brother of the bridegroom, Mr Luke Bauer, performed the duties of the best man.

JWL Board of Directors Plan All-Day Luncheon

Plans for the meeting of the board of directors of the Eastern Pennsylvania branch of the Jewish Women's league of the United Synagog of America were made last night by the board of directors of the Jewish Women's league of Pottstown.

The meeting will be held in Mercy and Truth synagog on Wednesday, Jan. 19, in the form of an all-day luncheon. This was announced at a meeting in the home of Mrs. Hyman Stein 1336 High street

Mrs Stein will be the chairman in charge of the affair, while Mrs. Edward Hoffman will act as hostess. The entire local JWL board of directors will assist at the meeting at which plans for the Spring conference to be held in Pottsville will be made.

Routine reports were given by the committee chairman and it was announced that Mrs. Charles Gultanoff will review the book, "The Curious Wine," by Bianca Bradbury, at the next meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs Sol Borger, president, presided. Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess and a social hour was enjoyed.

Marriage Licenses

Application for marriage licenses were made at the Montgomery county courthouse, Norristown, by: George H. Hartman and Jennie L Mayberry, both of 133 Wilson street.

George D. Taglieber and Elizabeth F. Kurnal, both of 703 Walnut street.

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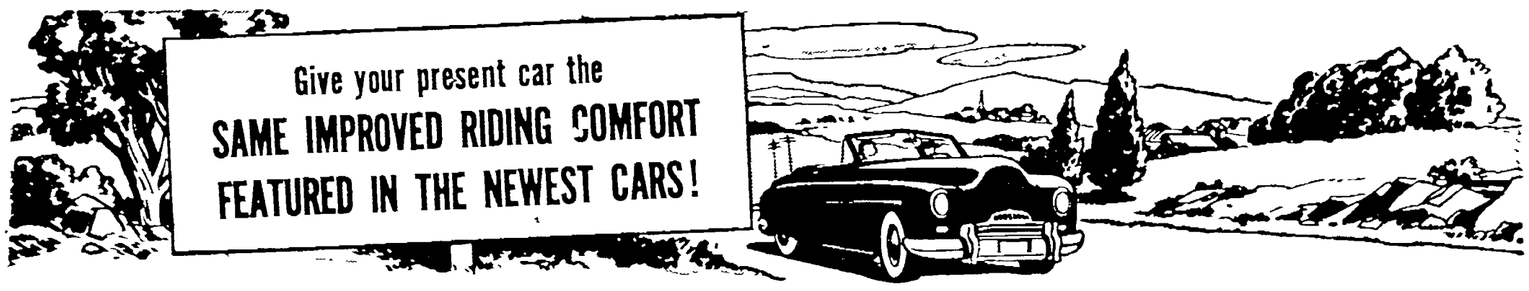

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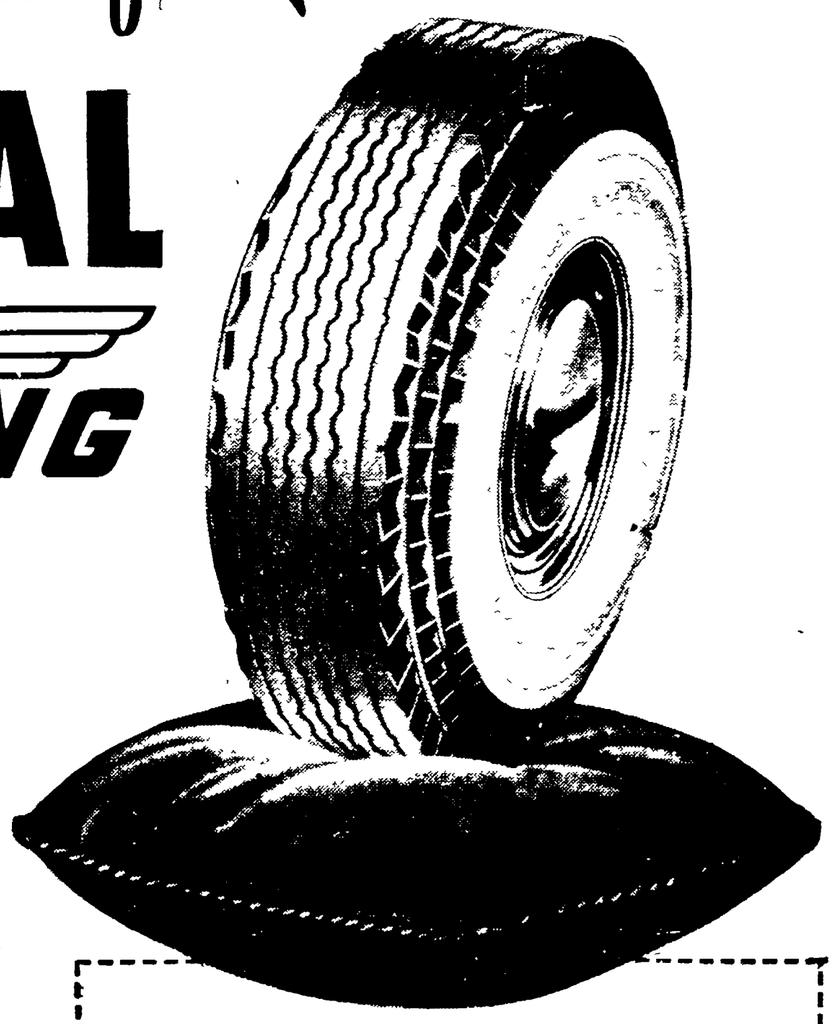

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